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## Rifkind warns of long war over beef ban

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, ANDREW PIERCE AND CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

MALCOLM RIFKIND warned Europe last night that Britain's campaign of non-cooperation may continue until the autumn unless there is agreement to lift the beef ban. The Foreign Secretary hardened Britain's position over the crisis after John Major held the first meeting of his so-called "war cabinet" to decide tactics in the offensive against the rest of the EU. Mr Rifkind said that Britain's refusal to co-operate in decisions requiring unanimous support was already biting. He signalled a lengthy campaign against the EU unless Britain's European partners lifted the ban on beef products such as gelatin, tallow and semen and agreed to a framework for the eventual lifting of the ban on beef. "We do not know if this will run for days, weeks, perhaps even two to three months, perhaps even longer. The policy will continue until the objective has been achieved." Officials said that it had to be made clear to EU members that "this is not a tantrum. It will be a well thought out and concerted campaign to achieve the result we consider to be right." Although Mr Rifkind said that Britain would not back down over the issue, he conceded that if ministers from other countries believed there should be an exception for a very serious issue, the exception would require the agreement of British ministers collectively. He added: "We do not anticipate exemptions." Last night, the Foreign Sec-

retary was heading for confrontation with Tory right-wingers who are pressing the Government to go much further in its showdown with the EU. Two former Cabinet ministers led the right-wing charge. John Redwood, said in one of his most outspoken attacks on Europe so far that the Prime Minister had shown a welcome determination to stand up for British interests, but it was not a lasting solution to British helplessness in the face of the mighty European Court. Mr Redwood, writing in today's *Times*, said: "We must use the new notoriety we have gained by our threat of non-cooperation to articulate a better vision of Europe, to offer our partners a choice, to say there is a different way from that recommended by Chancellor Kohl." The right-wing calls for war to be waged on several different fronts were led by Lord Tebbit, the former Tory Party chairman, who said: "The Prime Minister has upped the stakes very considerably. They are absolutes for him. If he is not successful, it is goodnight. If he wins game set and match, it will be a huge upside for the Prime Minister." Tony Blair criticised the Conservatives' language over the crisis, a crisis that is expected to cost the country £2.4 billion by 1999, according to a parliamentary written answer, although the EU is likely to meet a quarter of that sum. The Leader of the Opposition told Italian leaders that

Tory talk of "war on Europe" was irresponsible, foolish and deeply unhelpful. But at the same time he gave qualified support to Mr Major's policy on the ground that the national interest was at stake. Ministers' irritation was exacerbated when the European Court of Justice ruled that the Government had wrongly prevented a British animal export company from exporting sheep to Spanish slaughterhouses. Mr Major called Mr Rifkind and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, to Downing Street for a 40-minute meeting to draw up the battle lines for the non-cooperation campaign. A taste of the obstruction to come was delivered to a ministerial council in Brussels that was to have approved measures on civil protection in man-made and natural disasters. Britain refused to endorse the three items that were due for unanimous approval. The impact of the British stance was described yesterday by Franco Barberi, an Italian secretary of state, as paralysis. "I am very disappointed," he said. While the EU tried to assess the damage from an obstruction campaign that is proving tougher than expected, Commission officials said there was little prospect that the other EU states would agree to Mr Major's demand for a deadline for lifting the overall beef ban.

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'I saw his knife and I pleaded with him not to hurt Steve'



Miss Cable being comforted by her father Jim during the interview at a London hotel yesterday

## Road rage woman tells of fiancé's stabbing

BY ADRIAN LEE

A YOUNG woman who saw her fiancé stabbed to death during a "road rage" attack described yesterday how she pleaded with the killer not to hurt him. Danielle Cable, 17, a waitress, said other motorists ignored her requests and she was helpless as her boyfriend, Stephen Cameron, 21, died in her arms. Giving her first interview since he was murdered on a motorway intersection in Kent on Sunday Miss Cable described the killer as "a monster". She said she wished she too had been killed "so we could still be together". Detectives have been unable to trace the murderer or his vehicle, an L-registration Land Rover Discovery. Miss Cable said she could not understand what provoked the attack. She was on the roundabout when the Land Rover came from nowhere. "I had to brake quite sharply. Steve was just shaking his head as if to say 'you idiot', but he was joking more than anything." Both vehicles stopped at traffic lights and the other driver got out. "Steve got out to see what he wanted and he hit Steve. I got out and begged him not to hurt him. I was begging the other drivers to help. Everyone just ignored me." Cameron tried to kick the knife out of the man's hands. "I saw his knife and I was pleading with him not to hurt Steve. I couldn't go near him because I thought he'd hurt me. Steve was trying to kick the knife out of his hand and looking at me to say 'stay back'." Her fiancé was then stabbed and collapsed but was able to speak to her briefly. "Steve came round and said 'He has stabbed me Dan, get the number plate'. I held him and he just looked at me. There was blood going everywhere. He was just looking at me and said 'Please help me', and there was nothing I could do." Miss Cable spoke in a quiet, hesitant voice. She was close to breaking down on several occasions during the interview. "I was trying to get him to stay with me but it was just too late." During the attack she screamed for help from passing motorists. "They just sat in their cars and didn't do anything." Miss Cable, who also appeared

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## Britain gives Europe a taste of stonewalling

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN put the brakes on the EU machine yesterday, blocking its first action at ministerial level while the continental media succumbed to a tide of indignation over London's beef campaign and the bellicose chorus from the British popular press. A taste of the obstruction to come was delivered to a ministerial council that was to approve measures on civil protection in man-made and natural disasters. David Bostock, Britain's deputy EU ambassador, gave the gathering an announcement that is to become ritual as long as Britain's beef is subject to an open-ended export ban. "The British Government is obliged to approach today's agenda in the wider context of the crisis on BSE," he was quoted as saying. That meant Britain would refuse to endorse all three items which were due for

## RADA's grant for Blitz repairs

The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art was awarded £22,750,000 from the Arts Council's lottery funds, which will go towards renovating and extending the college's dilapidated premises in Bloomsbury, central London. In the past, any money raised has been spent on tuition, although the building has never recovered from being bombed in 1942. The news was welcomed by many former students. Page 7

## England control Oval match

An inspired spell of seam bowling by Chris Lewis, the Surrey all-rounder surprisingly recalled for the one-day cricket series against India, left England firmly in control of the first international at the Oval. Lewis took four wickets before had light halted play early with India reeling on 96 for five. They need another 196 to win when the game resumes. Page 48

## Taylor rallies peers to block Howard's plan

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD TAYLOR, the Lord Chief Justice, supported by an array of former Tory ministers and other peers, gave a clear signal to the Government yesterday that they would seek to block flagship plans for tougher prison sentences in the run-up to the general election. The proposals, expected in a Criminal Justice Bill this autumn, were repeatedly condemned by peers, including Lord Carr of Hadley, a former Home Secretary, as unworkable and amounting to a "denial of justice". Lord Taylor, who is retiring because of ill-health, chose to use his final speech as Lord Chief Justice to issue a warning that the Government's proposals - which he said were based on "shallow and untested figures" - would have "grave consequences". He added: "I venture to suggest that never in the history of our criminal law have such far-reaching proposals been put forward on the strength of such flimsy and dubious evidence." The proposals by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, for minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers, and automatic life sentences for repeat violent and sexual offenders, are expected to be contained in a Bill this autumn. Determined opposition in the Lords, however, could effectively prevent the Bill passing through Parliament before the election. Lord Taylor's successor as Lord Chief Justice will be announced today - he is Sir Thomas Bingham, the present Master of the Rolls. His post will be taken by Lord Woolf, the law lord, who sat at Lord Taylor's side during his address yesterday. Judges' challenge, page 11  
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## Hacker takes command of US Air Force computer net

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A TEENAGE hacker in London, using the on-line codename Datastream Cowboy, took control of the computer network at a top US Air Force research laboratory, government investigators in Washington said yesterday. Working with an accomplice known as Kujii, who was possibly a foreign agent, the 16-year-old's attack from Cyberspace put all the laboratory's 33 sub-networks off-line for several days while files were rummaged. Repairing the break-in and adding security "patches" cost half a million dollars. The penetration was at Rome Laboratory in New York state, the premier Air Force command and control research centre which works on weapons systems, artificial intelligence and radar guidance. During their attacks, the hackers stole information on the methods used by Air Force commanders to relay secret intelligence and targeting information during wartime. Datastream Cowboy's hacking was described as an example of a growing and serious threat to US national security in reports and testimony to a Senate committee by the US General Accounting Office. The report said that hackers attacked Pentagon computer systems as many as 250,000 times last year, gaining entry in two out of every three attempts. Although the study showed up the Pentagon's vulnerability, it focused on unclassified systems, which represent more than 90 per cent of defence traffic. Datastream Cowboy was caught two years ago by Scotland Yard on information supplied by the US Air Force. Detectives found him at his keyboard on the third floor of his family's house. Realising they had come to arrest him, he curled up on the floor and cried. Since then, legal proceedings have been pending against him for fraudulent use of the British telephone service. No charges have been brought against him for breaking into US military computers and American officials have been left wondering when and if he will be prosecuted.



"Spare some change for a two-week holiday, gov'?"

**Fun in the sun**  
Tens of thousands of Britons are flying out this weekend including a family who have bought a fortnight's fly-drive holiday in Florida for £9 a head. The weather forecast is gloomy. Pages 3, 24

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# Labour divided on how to join battle

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Labour figures were at odds last night over how to react to the campaign of non-cooperation in Europe. As Tony Blair voiced muted support for the Government's position, senior colleagues made clear their fears that Britain's action smacked of party-political.

The Labour leader said that he would back the Government's efforts to have the beef ban lifted but made clear that his party would look at the issue on a case-by-case basis. "The Government has embarked upon a strategy in which the national interest is now engaged. I will not undermine it, provided it is measured and lawful, and backed by a massive exercise in negotiation and diplomacy."

While Mr Blair was visiting Rome, senior colleagues at home were emphasising that the Conservatives were engaged in a domestic political campaign to woo Eurosceptics. Baroness Blackstone, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman in the Lords, accused the Government of "indulging in the folly of going to war with Europe in order to placate the European sceptics in the Conservative Party". She asked Baroness Chalker, the foreign affairs minister: "Would you tell the House whether we are going to war with the US, Australia and Canada, at least one of which banned British beef before the EU?"

Donald Dewar, Labour's chief whip, said his party would support the Government provided it was not simply playing "ill-defined maoh politics". Gavin Strang, the shadow Agriculture Minister, said: "There is a lot of suspicion — and this extends beyond the ranks of the Labour party — with regard to this Government's motives."



Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, after his 40-minute meeting with John Major to decide what stance to take on non-cooperation

# Abattoirs win right to dispute the slaughter of older cattle

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY  
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP of abattoir owners and farmers won permission in the High Court yesterday to mount a legal challenge to the centrepiece of the Government's strategy for restoring consumer confidence in beef.

The Quality Meat and Livestock Alliance, which has some 50 members, contends that the Government acted unlawfully in banning the sale

of food of cattle which are more than 30 months old at slaughter. Lawyers for the group say the Government has failed to show there is any risk to health from eating these older cattle, the only ground for banning them under the Food Safety Act.

Mr Justice Carnwath said: "It seems to me that there is certainly an arguable point, although I express no view as to whether it will succeed." The full application for judicial review of the ban is likely

to be heard in July. The challenge, if successful, would throw the Government's policy for dealing with the crisis in the beef industry into even greater disarray. It has also opened rifts within the farming community.

Richard Macdonald, director-general designate of the National Farmers' Union, said: "This challenge is not helpful and we do not support it. Culling animals older than 30 months is politically and commercially important as a

solution to our problems and it should not be hindered."

But Ewen Cameron, president of the Country Landowners' Association and a leading dairy farmer, said the legal move could be useful if it increased pressure on the Government to exempt slow-maturing beef cattle from the cull. "We believe it is extremely important that this very wholesome beef should be excluded from the ban. We were never happy with the cut-off at 30 months, which is far

too early and looks to have been a bad miscalculation."

The alliance estimates that 800,000 old dairy cows and 500,000 prime beef cattle will be withdrawn from the market and destroyed this year under the cull scheme, at a cost to the taxpayer of more than £700 million. About 50,000 cattle have been destroyed so far and are being burnt on plants.

Richard North, an adviser to the group, said: "Farmers are having to destroy perfectly sound meat and perfectly good animals. Very shortly we could be facing a serious beef shortage in Britain."

The ban on cattle older than 30 months was announced at the end of March after the disclosure by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, that some people might have contracted the Creutzfeldt-Jakob brain condition — the human equivalent of "mad cow" disease — from eating beef infected with BSE.

Cattle over 30 months old are regarded as being more likely to be incubating BSE. Supermarkets have based their strategy for restoring beef sales on a guarantee to consumers that all the beef on their shelves comes from animals under this age.

# Britain stonewalls

Continued from page 1 ahead for the EU police agency was to be one of the main items at the EU summit in Florence on June 21. Britain will attend ministerial meetings in Brussels next week on the single market and development, but again will refrain from endorsing any decisions.

The scale of Britain's action seemed to have sunk in across Europe yesterday, generating a backlash of public anger. While politicians railed at what they depicted as counter-productive folly, commentators voiced shock at the virulence of the anti-continental sentiments coming from

the tabloid press and some British politicians.

The German press was especially stung by what it reported as an anti-German campaign in Britain, complete with every caricature from wartime days.

Frankfurter Rundschau said that Mr Major was panicking. Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung said the Prime Minister's ultimatum was really "a cry for help aimed at Europe". In Brussels, *Le Libre Belgique* said the tabloids seemed to be "sowing the same seeds of madness which led Germany to Nazism".

# Blocking unlikely on EMU

FROM CHARLES BREMNER  
IN BRUSSELS

BRITISH officials yesterday dismissed suggestions that the Government would use its EU blocking campaign to obstruct the project for monetary union but they believe it could hold up business on some of the preparatory work.

Technical preparations for EMU are gathering pace in Brussels and Frankfurt but no government decisions are imminent. The monetary committee, the team of senior finance officials in charge of the project, is continuing to

meet. Britain's representative would be expected to note Britain's reservations on any decisions going forward for ministerial assent.

If there is no solution to the beef crisis, Britain will next month probably withhold its endorsement of an interim report on the creation of a new exchange-rate mechanism to accompany the euro's launch, due in January 1999. Britain has, however, already dissented from the scheme favoured by all the other states.

If John Major turns the Florence summit, as he threatens, into a debate on beef, he

will presumably refuse to sign a planned joint statement on preparations for EMU.

In the longer term, despite its opt-out from the project, Britain will be required to give assent to the framework for denationalising bonds during the transition period and the design of the coinage that is due to be phased into circulation in six years' time.

Although British blocking could hold up a decision that the matter could wait for a year or two, a British official said the beef crisis should be over long before such decisions became urgent.

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# Girl says drivers sped past killer

Continued from page 1 on the BBC's *Crimewatch* programme last night, was asked to describe the killer. "He is a monster." She hoped the killer watched last night's broadcast.

"I just hope he is watching this now and looking at my face, remembering that I was pleading with him not to kill the person I loved more than anything. He just looked at me like I was dirt." She said the man, who drove off towards the Dartford Tunnel, said nothing during the incident.

Miss Cable, who wore a black jogging top and cream coloured trousers, described her feelings for Cameron, an electrician. The couple were engaged at Christmas and planned to marry within a year.

"This man has destroyed my life because Steve was my life. He was everything to me. We couldn't wait to get married. We were going to get a house together soon and we were buying things for it."

Miss Cable, from St Mary Cray, Orpington, who was accompanied by her parents

Jim and Mandy, said: "Steve woke up that morning and he told me he loved me." She began crying as she appealed for anyone with information, however trivial, to come forward.

The family of Cameron also released a photograph of him, with Miss Cable, taken the day before he died. Cameron's father, Ken, who took the photograph in the front room of the family home in Swanley, said: "The two of them were just larking about in the living room enjoying one another's company. It was a spur of the moment thing but now I realise it's the last picture of Stephen."

Miss Cable's father, who sat with a protective arm around her, praised his daughter's courage. "I think she has been very brave. We can't stop grieving until they catch this monster. They have just got to catch him as soon as possible before he does it again."

Asked what motive the killer could have had, Mr Cable said: "For what? Why did he do it? How could you kill someone like Steve?"

# Asthma appeal fails

A WOMAN whose asthmatic daughter's clothes, bedding and soft toys all need daily washing, failed yesterday in a High Court attempt to have her domestic water rates cut.

Tracey Davies, from Kirkby, Merseyside, was refused leave to mount a judicial review against North West Water but Mr Justice Carnwath said companies might be obliged "as a general principle" to consider the special needs of customers when

allowing rebates. Mrs Davies's two-year-old daughter, Bethany, suffers from severe asthma and the family had found it difficult to pay its metered water bill, which was well above average.

He said North West Water had done all that was required by law in assessing the case.

Mrs Davies already receives housing benefit, income support and a disability living allowance to help provide for Bethany's needs.

# Boy, 11, found guilty of manslaughter

An 11-year-old boy was found guilty yesterday of killing a pensioner when he dropped a 19lb slab of concrete from the top of a 12-storey tower block on to her head. It took a jury at Leeds Crown Court only 65 minutes to decide the boy, who was ten at the time, knew that what he was doing was wrong and that he was therefore guilty of the manslaughter of Edna Condie, 74, in Leeds last August.

The court was told that the boy, who had denied Mrs Condie's manslaughter, roared with laughter when a companion told him he had struck the woman. She died instantly. He later told police he had pushed the slab off "for fun" because he enjoyed being naughty. Mr Justice Potter adjourned sentence for three weeks for reports. The boy was remanded to local authority care.

# Stationery deal rescued

A government deal to sell school stationery to Uzbekistan, which looked likely to cost the British taxpayer £3 million when it appeared to have fallen through, has been rescued by Stationery Office officials. After weeks of negotiations by a government team in Tashkent, the former Soviet republic agreed to pay the first instalment of £900,000 with the rest to follow during the year. Last month the National Audit Office chastised HMSO Scotland for shipping out the goods without proper safeguards to ensure payment.

# Shot man had meeting

An Essex car dealer was shot twice in a classic gangland killing as he kept a rendezvous, police said yesterday. The killer then dumped John Marshall, 34, of Billericay, still had £5,000 in cash but a sports bag is missing. Yesterday police sources confirmed that Mr Marshall, 34, from Billericay, moved in the same circles as three Essex drug traffickers killed last December. Two men have been charged.

# Majorca meningitis alert

Tourists began leaving a holiday complex in Alcudia, Majorca, after a British boy aged 13, from Sussex, and a German girl aged 11 died from meningitis after being taken ill while on holiday. Emergency supplies of vaccine are being taken out and a telephone helpline has been set up by Airtours, the main operator at the complex, for up to 500 holidaymakers who are due to arrive in the next two weeks.

# Our shame, by Carey

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, right, said yesterday that religions must admit responsibilities for divided communities. Speaking in Chicago, Dr Carey pleaded for tolerance, and said: "Terrible things continue to be done in the name of religion which shames religion and makes it a disgrace." He called on leaders of all faiths to condemn atrocities by fundamentalists.



# Farm in quarantine

A farm and its surrounding area in East Sussex have been quarantined after an outbreak of a serious poultry disease, the first in more than ten years, the Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday. The viral infection, known as Newcastle Disease, is highly contagious and affects pigeons and other birds as well as poultry. All the 1,700 birds on the affected farm, which is near Heathfield, will be slaughtered.

# Tony Banks MP

A report in our first edition (May 9) about MPs defying the new earnings rule and register of MPs' interests stated that Tony Banks had failed to declare his interests. In fact, Mr Banks is an advocate of openness in these matters and had fully declared his interests, as all later editions made clear. We apologise for any embarrassment caused by the mistake.

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# Lib-Lab 'affair' costs Labour control of council

By IAN MURRAY AND LIN JENKINS

RUMOURS of an affair between two politicians lost Labour a London council after a stormy meeting last night.

The alleged relationship between the leaders of the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups in Havering, north-east London has been blamed for a series of defections over recent weeks which eroded Labour's slim hold on power. A coalition has taken control of the 63-seat council.

The leader of the Labour group, Arthur Latham, 66, formerly MP for Paddington and chairman of the Tribune group of MPs, and Caroline Hurlstone, 49, an English teacher, have both always firmly denied the relationship.

However, Mrs Hurlstone's husband Terry said yesterday he was suing her for divorce. Mr Hurlstone, who is currently on police bail after allegedly assaulting Mr Latham in his home six weeks ago, is waiting to see if he will be prosecuted.

Mrs Hurlstone said the collapse of the ruling Labour/Lib-Dem alliance on the council was motivated by personality clashes and petty self-interest. Those responsible, she said, had "replaced the one political giant we have had with a bunch of pygmies." Mrs Hurlstone, who succeeded her husband as Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate for Uppminster, defected to Labour three weeks ago.

The rumours about an affair between herself and Mr Latham were merely a smokescreen and "absolute rubbish", she said. "The alliance had a one-vote majority on every committee. We gave Labour the ability to act as the majority group, so we worked closely."



Latham: former MP and ousted leader

She said those who defected from Labour had decided to do so before the incident between "my soon-to-be-ex-husband", and Mr Latham, which had been the origin of stories about an affair. The four councillors who resigned the Labour whip had acted "because they could not get their own way politically."

The council meeting which ended Mr Latham's rule was interrupted by Mr Hurlstone from the public gallery, and erupted into noisy challenges on all sides as members hurled abuse. An unlikely alliance of 12 Conservatives, 17 Residents,

two Liberal Democrats and four Socialists voted to oust Mr Latham and formed a "Rainbow" coalition under the Residents' leader, Louise Sinclair.

Mr Latham's "autocratic, grandiose style helped us to topple him," Mrs Sinclair said yesterday. "His lifestyle and personal relationships steered people away from him."

Mike Davis, one of the four Labour members who walked out on Mr Latham to set up the Socialist group on the council at the end of March, said: "Policy was being formulated between the two group leaders over cosy lunches and then pushed through without any consultation with the Labour members."

After the 1994 elections, Mr Latham needed support from the Liberal Democrats to ensure his 31-strong Labour group had a majority. He said yesterday this meant he had to have a very close working relationship with Mrs Hurlstone.

She has said that she now believes that "the way forward for a progressive, anti-Tory politician is within the Labour Party".

Mrs Hurlstone's close links with Mr Latham began last October after her daughter was murdered at the Devon farm where she worked, and Mr Latham gave her support and comfort at a difficult time.

Mr Latham said yesterday that the real reason for his defeat was wide opposition to his plans to set up information centres round the borough and create a new style of local government.

Another Liberal Democrat councillor, David Parker-Ross, deserted to the Tories three weeks ago, complaining that Mrs Hurlstone spent more time with Mr Latham than with her own group.

Charles Harrison, the new Liberal Democrat leader, said he hoped the Rainbow coalition would restore calm. "If somebody wrote a book about what has happened, readers would think it was too far fetched."



Simon Snaith working yesterday on one of the plaster ceiling mouldings of the Grand Reception Room at Windsor Castle

# Castle rises anew — on time and within cost

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE largest historic building restoration project this century, at Windsor Castle, is entering its final phase and is expected to be completed on time and within its projected £40 million budget, officials of the Royal Household said yesterday.

More than a hundred rooms in the castle were damaged in a disastrous fire on November 20, 1992, delivering the final punishing blow to the Queen's *annus horribilis*. The largest occupied castle in the world is expected to be fully restored to its former glory by the spring of 1998.

Journalists were yesterday given a conducted tour of the affected areas, where an army of craftsmen, working in a dense forest of scaffolding, are recreating some of the grandest and most ornate interior design in Britain.

The work is six times the size of the project which restored the 17th-century wing of Hampton Court Palace after a similarly catastrophic fire in 1986. Michael Peat, the Queen's director of finance, reaffirmed yesterday that 70 per cent of restoration costs would be met from entrance fees to the castle and to Buckingham Palace, which had already contributed more than £11 million. The remaining 30 per cent comes from public funding.

Most spectacular of the original works is a new oak hammerbeam roof for St George's Hall, the 150ft-long ceremonial chamber which previously had a low-pitched roof of plaster painted to look like wood designed by Jeffrey de Wyatville for George IV in 1830. It has taken 70 English oaks to furnish the timber.

Giles Downes, architect of the new roof, said yesterday: "It is not a copy of what was here before: it is an improvement. It maintains the Gothic spirit of the original, but is much more peaked and gives an extra two metres of headroom. Nothing like has been put up in Britain for a century."

Elsewhere, craftsmen in plaster are restoring the ceiling and walls of the Grand Reception Room, judged the finest rococo interior in Britain. Because the private chapel was destroyed, it has been redesigned as an unusual octagonal anteroom to St George's Hall.

met from entrance fees to the castle and to Buckingham Palace, which had already contributed more than £11 million. The remaining 30 per cent comes from public funding. Most spectacular of the original works is a new oak hammerbeam roof for St George's Hall, the 150ft-long ceremonial chamber which previously had a low-pitched roof of plaster painted to look like wood designed by Jeffrey de Wyatville for George IV in 1830. It has taken 70 English oaks to furnish the timber. Giles Downes, architect of the new

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# Accountant is charged over church funds theft

By RUTH GLEDHILL AND STEPHEN FARRELL

A CHURCH accountant was charged yesterday in connection with the theft of nearly £240,000 donated by parishes to the London diocese. Dean Bailey, 33, will appear in court next month accused of falsifying documents and deception.

Mr Bailey from Shorehitch, east London, was employed as an assistant accountant at the diocesan fund office in central London when the alleged frauds took place between the summer of 1990 and February this year.

All the London diocese's money is kept in the diocesan fund, which is worth £150 million. A large proportion is tied up in vicarages and other church property, but £18 million is held in trust for the diocese's 396 parishes.

New checks and balances were put into place by Chris Smith, the diocesan secretary, after he was appointed two years ago by Dr David Hope, who was then Bishop of London. These checks eventually led to discrepancies being uncovered by the diocese's auditors, Coopers & Lybrand.

Mr Bailey was questioned by police and released on police bail. Yesterday, he returned to Belgrave police station for further questioning and was charged.

He was taken on as an assistant in the accounts department in April 1990, where he worked for his father-in-law, the Rev Ronald Vaughan, the former head of the department who now works as the Bishop of Stepney's projects officer. Mr Bailey's wife Rosemary also worked for the diocese, but left when she was expecting. They have a daughter aged two.

According to the *Church Times*, the diocese suffered smaller losses in the 1980s after a similar incident.

# £50m for ex-wife 'would not be missed'

By JOANNA BALE

A SENIOR Court of Appeal judge questioned yesterday whether an American multimillionaire would miss a £50 million divorce payment.

As lawyers representing Robert Dart argued that his former wife Katina's demands for "many, many tens of millions" was unreasonable, Lady Justice Butler-Sloss questioned whether Mr Justice Johnson, who made the

first award, should have been more generous. "The standard of living the parties enjoyed is a yardstick," she said.

Barry Singleton, QC, representing Mr Dart, said: "There must come a time when the wife is provided for. There must come a point when her requirements become unreasonable. It is not the court's job to provide a top-up, when

every frippery and every conceivable luxury a person might want is met."

Mr Singleton said the original award had already allowed for Mrs Dart to indulge in such luxuries as the occasional chartering of a plane, but he admitted the couple had lived an affluent lifestyle even in America, before moving to Britain. Judgment has been reserved.



Terry and Caroline Hurlstone. He is suing for divorce

# Curry that took some beating

AN INDIAN curry seemed the perfect way to round off a pleasant evening for David Ives and his partially sighted friend Paul Hester. They ordered a beer and studied the menu but because the lighting was so subdued Mr Hester had difficulty reading it.

What happened next resembled *Fawlty Towers* but became more serious. Bosmath Sheffi, for the prosecution, told Luton Crown Court. "A waiter asked for their order but when told they were not ready he poured their drinks away and ordered them to leave," Miss Sheffi said.

"Mr Ives tried to explain but to no avail. The waiter was joined by other staff and Mr Ives was attacked with a baseball bat. He was surrounded by people and beaten on his back, head and arm as he tried to protect himself."

"Then he was bundled out of the door and his arm was trapped as someone tried to close it," Miss Sheffi said. Mr Hester, who is registered blind, was restrained from helping his friend.

Yesterday Foyzul Islam, 30, the owner of the Dhaka Tandoori and his brother, Sirajul Islam, 33, the chef, admitted affray in August last year. They were both given a 12-month conditional discharge. Judge Gareth Davies, who awarded Mr Ives £2,000 compensation and Mr Hester £500, said: "No doubt you have troublesome customers but this was an unprovoked attack on innocent people."

# Brother freed to inherit fortune

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MARK NEWALL, jailed for helping his brother to cover up the murder of their wealthy parents, has been freed from prison only 21 months into a six-year sentence.

Newall, 29, a former Euro-bond dealer who earned £150,000 a year, will now inherit his share of his parents' fortune, which as a result of investment is understood to be worth several million pounds. The brothers had shared the £500,000 left to them by their parents plus £400,000 from a great uncle.

Newall's release from Leyhill open prison in Gloucestershire was denounced by a senior police officer who spent two years on the investigation into the murders of Nicholas and Elizabeth Newall in Jersey in 1987. The couple were bludgeoned to death by Roderick, their other

son, who is serving a life sentence for murder. Mark admitted destroying evidence and helping to bury his parents' bodies secretly.

Graham Nimmo, a former detective inspector now retired from the States of Jersey Police, said yesterday that Mark Newall had cost the island and its authorities a tremendous amount of money. The investigation took longer than the time he served because of an elaborate and protracted cover-up in which he initially told "lie after lie".

Mr Nimmo added: "It's a bit galling that he's out and can do what he likes. I would have liked to see him serve at least four to four-and-a-half years."

Newall's eligibility for release earlier this month was made under the 1991 Criminal Justice Act, which operates in England and Wales but not Jersey. Anyone given a sentence of four years and over is eligible for parole after serving half their sentence. He became eligible in March because he had been in custody since being arrested three years earlier.

If he had remained in Jersey he would have been eligible for release in March next year. Jersey does not operate a parole system but well-behaved prisoners are normally released after serving two thirds of their sentence.

Roderick Newall, a former Army officer, is serving his sentence in Jersey.

Newall: helped to hide his parents' bodies

# Holidays grabbed while they're hot

By HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

A FAMILY set off for a Florida fly-drive holiday for £9 a head yesterday, as Britons demonstrated their determination to grab last-minute holidays to escape a wet and windy holiday weekend.

The family of three from Doncaster spotted the offer on Teletext from the Blackpool-based Liberty World Travel. Ian Warren, the general manager, said: "Three people had to cancel at the last moment from a charter flight. They were covered by insurance which meant they got their money back and we had been paid."

"But we were then able to offer their seats at the extremely low price of £9 and

still make a profit. We sold the holidays within 20 minutes of them appearing on the screen. There is so much capacity on the market at the moment that airlines are getting rid of their distressed stock at whatever price they can get."

The family have to pay for their accommodation, airport taxes and £69 damage-waiver car insurance.

Travel agencies around the country said that there has been a surge in demand, especially for Spain, the Balearics and Greece. Temperatures as high as 30C (86F) in the past few days appear to have been the magnet. The Going Places chain said there had been a 20 per cent jump in bookings this week when it became apparent that May was to be one of the coldest and most miserable on record. Thomas Cook said

that holidaymakers were looking for instantly available bargains.

Britain's biggest travel retailer, Lunn Poly, said that a sharp fall in the number of package holidays on offer this year meant that many potential clients flooding into their travel shops were having to be disappointed.

Heathrow Airport expects to handle about 339,000 people over the four days from today to Bank Holiday Monday. Gatwick expects 332,000, Manchester 204,000 and Birmingham 40,000. A further 350,000 people will cross the Channel by ferry, while 210,000 are expected to go through the Channel Tunnel by either Eurostar or Le Shuttle trains.

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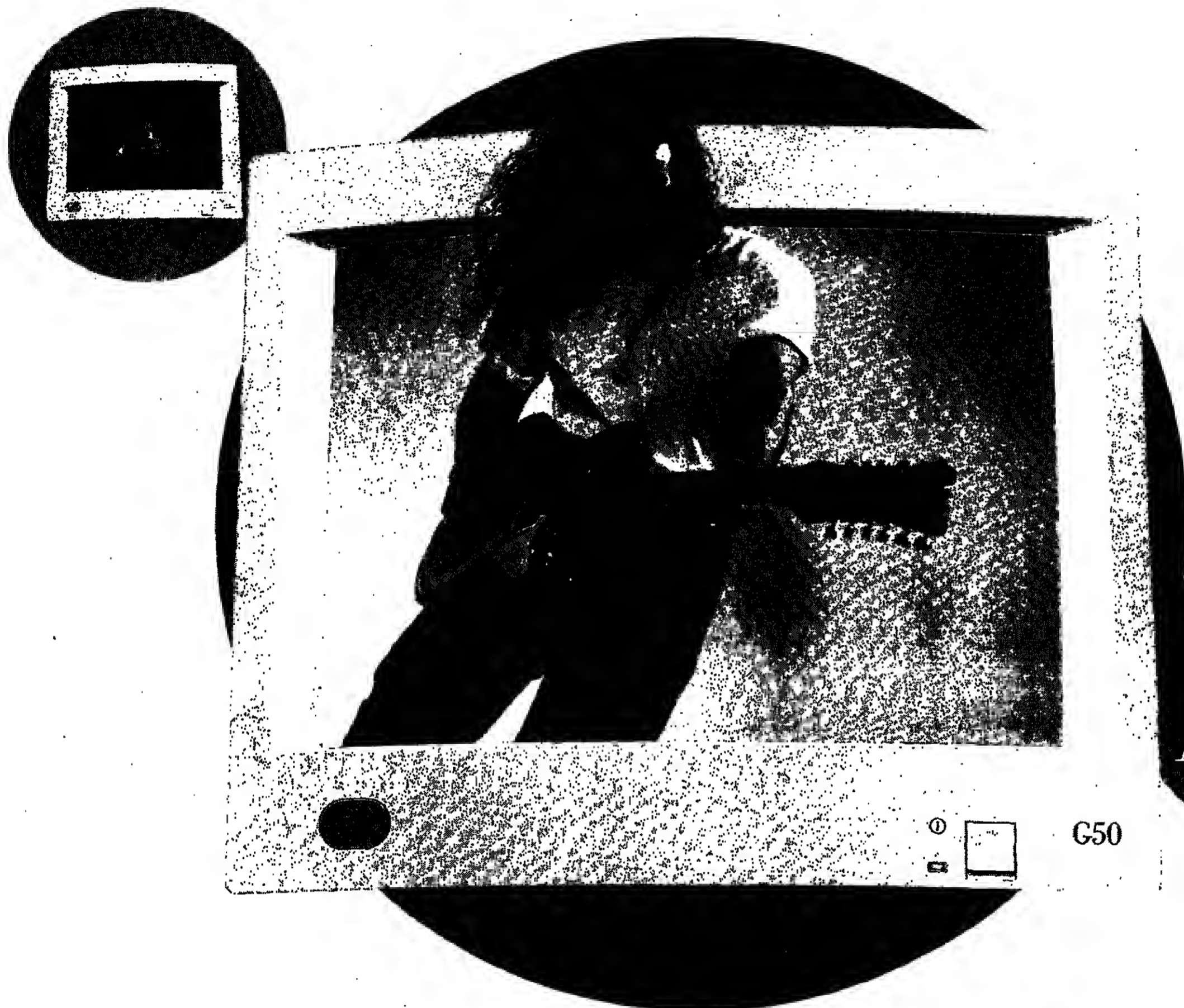
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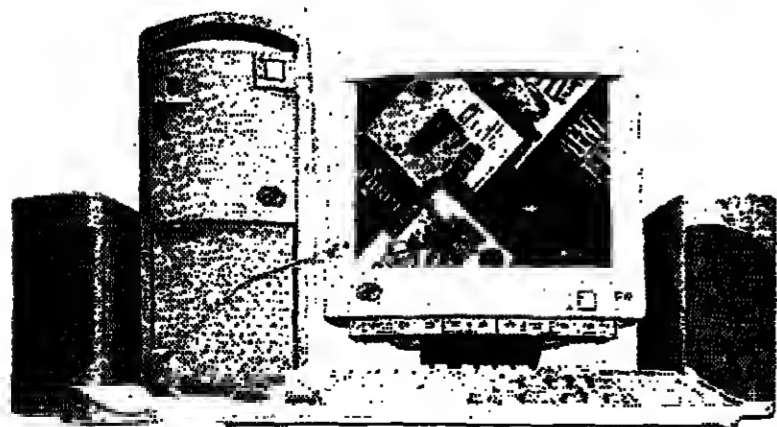
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# New editor discarded executive 'like toffee paper'

By Bill Frost

THE Editor of the *Sunday Express* acted in an utterly irrational and whimsical fashion when she dismissed a highly regarded executive, an industrial tribunal chairman said yesterday.

Graham Jones, 44, had told the hearing that he was the victim of a callous, brutal cull of middle-aged men and that Sue Douglas, 39, had behaved like "King Herod in reverse — not killing the babies but all men over 35". He had been "tossed aside like a toffee wrapper" within a fortnight of her arrival in January. Despite his role as assistant editor (news), he had been told to clear his desk and go straight home on the day of his dismissal. A replacement, 40-year-old Richard Ellis, was in place an hour later.

Express Group Newspapers admitted acting improperly in the way Mr Jones was dismissed. However, his claim of sexual discrimination was dismissed by the tribunal at Croydon, south London.

Ian Lamb, the tribunal chairman, had harsh words for Ms Douglas. He told her she had been "firing and firing with complete disregard to the laws or good employment practice". She had operated as if there was no restriction on her powers at all. "We do not think she paused long enough to assemble an agenda here except to consider who she wanted around her."

"This dismissal had no rhyme or reason except the personal preference of Ms Douglas... it was utterly irrational and whimsical. She considered that Mr Jones was just not a person she wanted to work with."

Mr Jones, an Oxford graduate, who has also worked at *The Daily Telegraph* and its

Sunday stablemate, earlier told the tribunal: "This was sex discrimination. If I was a woman I would still have my job. It was a cull of middle-aged males."

"I worked extremely hard, long hours, 14 or 16-hour days for seven years. My work was consistently praised inside and outside Express Newspapers. This all came to an abrupt end two weeks after the appointment of the new editor."

Mr Jones, from Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire, who earned £62,000 a year, claimed that he was never given a reason for his dismissal or "adequate compensation" — he received a cheque for £31,875 but claimed female staff who left the paper received 12 months' salary.

"I would have been treated differently if I had been a woman. I do not have any doubts about that," he said. "I believe my sacking is part of an anti-male agenda. The *Sunday Express* has now become a paper which has no time for middle-aged male-dominated values."

Ms Douglas denied that she had sacked Mr Jones because of his age and gender. He had been sacked after a "phenomenal" decline in the paper's circulation. "It would never occur to me to judge people by their age or gender. I can only judge them on merit. I am on trial with this job too," she said.

The tribunal adjourned to allow Express Newspapers, which admitted unfair dismissal, and Mr Jones to agree a compensation package. He declined to reveal after the hearing whether he had found another job. "I think the chairman's comments about the nature of the dismissal said it all."



Gareth Potter was charged £113 for an ambulance ride after being knocked down

## Patient, 4, threatened with court bailiffs

A HOSPITAL summonsed a boy aged four for not paying a £113 ambulance bill after he was knocked down by a car.

Gareth Potter of Pontefract, West Yorkshire, was at risk of having his toys confiscated after his mother ignored solicitors' letters, assuming there had been a mistake.

The child, who had been taken to hospital after the accident last year, was due before Pontefract County Court next month. Yesterday the proceedings were thrown out when lawyers representing Pontefract General Infirmary realised the mistake.

His mother Veronica, 27, said that when a bailiff's warrant for Gareth's possessions arrived, "my immediate reaction was to put his toys out so they would realise how stupid the whole episode was." She telephoned the bailiff, who apologised and told her not to worry. She had thought the matter was forgotten when the summons arrived.

Yesterday the hospital apologised through its solicitors. "Hospitals are very busy and the odd mistake can be made," a spokeswoman said.

## Teachers call for defiance on tests

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

A CAMPAIGN by head teachers to block the publication of the first primary school league tables was backed yesterday by the biggest school union. Governors are being urged to refuse to give the Government the results of tests on 11-year-olds which finish this week.

Doug McAvo, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, has written to governing bodies throughout England, asking them to restrict access to the results to parents and teachers. He acknowledged that such action would be a breach of their statutory duty but says that legal action by the Government was unlikely.

The grades are to be turned into league tables next March. Mr McAvo said: "If significant numbers of governing bodies decided not to return test results, what remedies would be open to them? Ministers would find it embarrassing to take action against the very people they are asking to make the system work."

Governors are already under pressure from the National Association of Head Teachers not to pass on the results. David Hart, the

NAHT's general secretary, criticised the National Association of Governors and Managers, which has rejected its appeals, saying it was "time it stopped behaving as if it was the Government's poodle".

Many governors were as angry as their teachers when Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, changed her mind in February and decided that the results of the tests should be published next year in national performance tables.

But Mrs Shephard said yesterday that poor test results and alarming inspectors' reports left her no alternative. "The public has a right to this information," she said. The National Governors' Council has asked Mrs Shephard to abandon league tables this year.

Companies are cashing in on the squeeze in school funding by providing so-called educational resources which are biased, covered with company logos or which encourage children to eat chocolate and fast foods, the National Consumer Council said.

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## Nigeria promises to free British boy

By Michael Dynes

NIGERIA yielded to diplomatic pressure from the Foreign Office yesterday and promised to release a British schoolboy held prisoner for a month.

John-Paul Mokolou, 13, was arrested in Lagos while visit-



John-Paul: held in Lagos while visiting relatives

ing relatives. Officials believe that he was being held hostage to force his father, a cousin of the former president of Nigeria, to give himself up.

It is thought that John-Paul was arrested because he gave his name as Obasanjo. The Foreign Office was unable to clarify whether he was related to Major-General Olusegun Obasanjo, who ruled Nigeria from 1976 to 1993.

Christine Olukoya, the boy's mother, flew to Lagos on Wednesday to secure his release. The Foreign Office said: "We have heard from the Nigerian authorities that the boy will be released."

Glenda Jackson, the Labour MP who highlighted the plight of the north London boy, said that the family had no reason to believe that John-Paul's father was "a dissident of any kind". She denounced the "outrageous behaviour" of the Nigerian authorities.

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Sales delayed for Wembley and Old Trafford games

# Euro 96 tickets withheld in mix-up over rival fans

By JOHN GOODBODY AND RICHARD FORD

TICKET sales for Euro 96 were in turmoil yesterday when about 1,000 Wembley seats destined for Dutch supporters were withheld because they were in areas reserved for English fans.

On another embarrassing day for the tournament, the organisers had to explain the problems to the Government, with Manchester United also unable to sell its full allocation of 28,100 tickets for four matches at Old Trafford because plans to segregate fans had not been completed. Officials of the Football Association (FA) met Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, yesterday to reassure them that all tickets ordered by group purchasers were being scrutinised and "would be honoured only if it was safe to do so after the necessary checks had been made".

The Dutch have already sold their official allocation of 8,100 seats for each of their three group games but thousands more fans are trying to buy black-market tickets for the matches. The withheld tickets were for the match against England on June 18.

It is understood that none of the four English-based com-

panies offering the tickets at Wembley will be charged with any offence because they claim they were authorised to make bulk applications. The approval was allegedly given by Trevor Phillips, who resigned as commercial director of the FA two weeks ago to save the governing body "embarrassment". There is no suggestion that Mr Phillips profited from ticket sales.

Euro 96 organisers want to segregate supporters because of the potential for violence. The executives will release the 1,000 tickets for the England-Netherlands match only if the

four unnamed companies selling them can give the names and addresses in England of the purchasers. If not, the tickets will be offered for domestic sale.

The organisers have also withdrawn a further 1,000 tickets obtained by ten people, who were charged this week with routing offences. The remaining ticket agencies and corporate hospitality brokers, who were raided on April 30 by Scotland Yard detectives, will be allowed to keep their seats if the organisers are satisfied that there is no breach of security. Man-

chester United has delayed selling its remaining tickets for the championship while club officials and Euro 96 "finalised the segregation".

On Tuesday, the six other clubs at whose grounds the three-week championship will be staged began selling about 170,000 seats direct to the public. Some 1.2 million tickets have so far been bought through Euro 96.

Manchester United has complained that the FA has not given clear instructions on sales. A total of 28,100 tickets remain for Germany versus Czech Republic, Russia versus Germany, and also one quarter-final and one semi-final, when fans will be buying without knowing which teams they will see.

England win, page 48



Mike Harvey, right, on an earlier return to Colditz with Jack Best, left, Hugh Bruce, centre, and two other ex-POWs

# PoWs honour the ghost of Colditz

By ROBIN YOUNG

A NAVAL officer who earned the nickname "the ghost of Colditz Castle" by masterminding escapes from an underground hiding-hole in the German fortress will be remembered by his fellow prisoners of war today.

Captain Mike Harvey, who died last week aged 82, and an RAF officer, Jack Best, used a double bluff. They hid inside

the jail near Leipzig in eastern Germany until the guards thought they had escaped and then emerged for roll calls to disguise the fact that other prisoners actually had got away.

Major Hugh Bruce, a former Major Marine with Mr Best will be among six former Colditz inmates attending a special service of thanksgiving for Mr Harvey in his home village of

Langham, Norfolk, said yesterday. "The idea was that Mike and Jack would go into hiding in the castle and be missing from the regular roll calls. After a while the Germans were fooled into thinking that they had escaped. It meant we had two extra people and when anyone really did escape they could stand in for them."

Mr Bruce added: "It was brilliantly simple and it bought extra time for those who managed to get away. The first 24 to 48 hours were vital to an escape. You needed as much time as possible before the alarm was raised to reach the railway station before suspicions were aroused."

The plan helped several prisoners to get away until, after 300 days underground,

Harvey and Best were themselves caught trying to escape. Their capture left the Germans with an embarrassing problem. "They could not charge them with escaping because they were already supposed to have got away and they were caught in the courtyard of the castle. The German mind being what it is, they charged them with being absent from 1,326 roll calls instead," Mr Bruce said.

Mr Harvey, who had been captured in 1940 when his submarine HMS Undine was forced to the surface, served 28 days in solitary confinement and was eventually freed by the Americans in April 1945. He resumed his naval career, commanding HMS St Austell Bay, a frigate, and HMS Blackcap, a Royal Naval Air station, before leaving the service. He became managing director of a manufacturing company before retiring to Norfolk with his wife Jean.

# Philosophic Cantona takes shot at record

By RICHARD DUCS

MANCHESTER'S favourite Frenchman is hoping that his unorthodox words of wisdom can be put to profitable use. Eric Cantona has been signed up by the pop producer Pete Waterman to make a record.

Not that the United footballer is planning anything along the lines of Albatross, Fleetwood Mac's chart-topper of 30 years ago. More an experimental, avant-garde affair, says Waterman, who admits Cantona is no Sinatra.

It was after a court appear-

ance in connection with his attack on a football fan that Cantona told assembled reporters: "When seagulls follow a trawler, it is because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea."

Waterman said, yesterday: "Any man who can say that is a genius." He added: "I don't think you should be looking at it as a singing project. He isn't going to be singing My Way or No Regrets, like Eric. We will be using Eric's poetry, his ideology, and I see it as being very experimental."

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# RADA wins £23m from lottery to rebuild academy

By DALYA ALBERGE AND BILL FROST

THE Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) was awarded a grant of £22,750,000 yesterday from the Arts Council's lottery funds. It will go towards the £30,760,000 that the college needs to renovate and extend its dilapidated premises in Bloomsbury, central London.

Many of RADA's illustrious former students, including Sir John Gielgud, Lord Attenborough and Imogen Stubbs, recalled how the school had been crying out for funds for as long as they could remember. Any money that was ever raised was always spent on tuition, rather than a building that had never recovered from the Blitz.

Lord Attenborough, RADA's chairman, said: "The academy was bombed in 1942 — in fact, when I was a student there. Because of the war and low government funding, we simply had to make do." The news of the lottery grant had made him "delirious". He added: "If you love the place as much as I have over the last 25 to 30 years, it's a fairy story come true."

Ms Stubbs recalled that there was so little space in which to rehearse that students were relegated to performing in "a black room with a few broken windows", or outside, in Russell Square. Walls were so thin, students felt self-conscious, knowing that their performances echoed throughout the school.

But, she added, the building exuded a unique charm when she thought of actors trained there — such as Albert Finney and Peter O'Toole.

Although Ms Stubbs felt "thrilled" at RADA's good fortune, she called for lottery cash to fund student grants. Every day she received begging letters. "It would be a huge loss if only posh people who could afford to go there." She also spoke of the need for equipment. When she was a

student, there was no training for film or television because there was no money for cameras. RADA yesterday announced that the school would be re-equipped "so that future generations of actors and actresses can learn to work with the technology of the 21st century and beyond".

Sir John, a RADA student in

RADA were mixed. "Quite frankly it was a bit of joke when I was there in 1942. More importance was attached to morning prayers than drama. I was one of only 13 men and there were 200 girls, so I had rather a good time. But, as for my dramatic education, that came later," he said.

Among other leading actors who welcomed the news was Jeremy Irons, a Bristol Old Vic graduate who has just returned from filming *Lolita*. "Any money that goes towards the training of actors is good," he said.

Duncan Weldon, director of the Chichester Festival Theatre, said: "It is good news to hear that lottery money is going towards securing the future of a drama school — which then secures the future of British theatre."

The producer Thelma Holt, who studied at RADA in the mid-1950s, remembered how "in the summer, it was either a sauna bath or you couldn't hear anything because there was no way of cutting out the noise from the street". When she talked to today's students, nothing had changed. "You can't work in the theatre and not go to RADA."

Nicholas Barter, the Principal of RADA, defended the grant against the charge that it was a windfall for "lucky" southerners. The academy was for people of all classes and backgrounds, he said.

"We're drawing people in from all over the country — we hold auditions in Manchester, Nottingham, Newcastle and Belfast. We're drawing new blood into the theatre and we're looking for people from homes across the social spectrum."

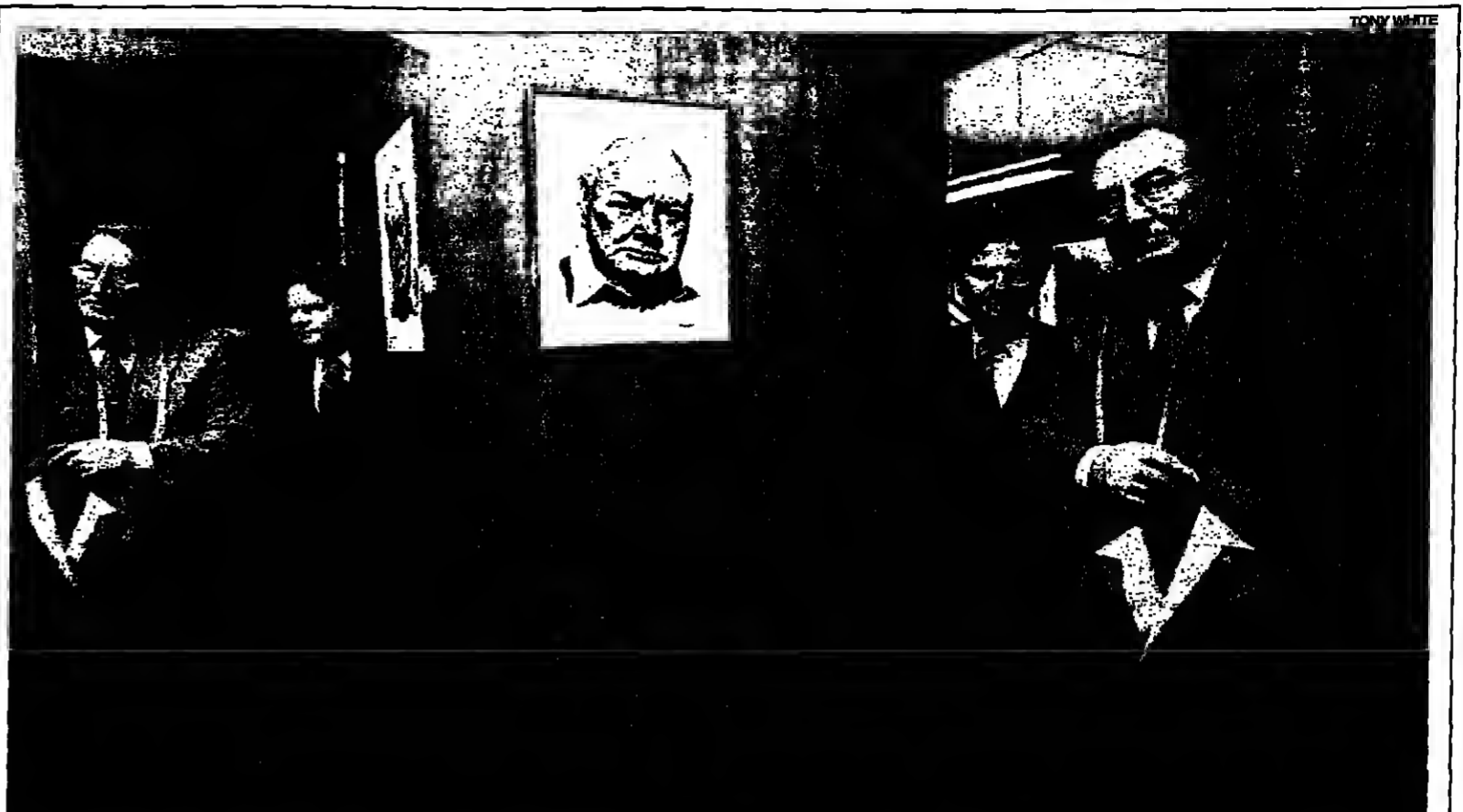


Barter defended grant against "lucky" charges

the early 1920s, said: "I'm so glad they have got out of their troubles. It's a very good school. I learnt a lot from being there."

Bryan Forbes, the actor and director, welcomed news of the grant but suggested that at least some of the money should go towards reducing fees, now about £7,000 a year. He also received letters every week from young hopefuls asking for financial support. "It is very sad. Rather than spending all the money on refurbishment RADA should think seriously about cutting fees."

His own memories of



Moment for reflection: dark-suited Anthony Airey — great-grandson of the founder — with Frederick Perry, a director and head cutter

## Tropical tailors face the unkindest cut

By JOE JOSEPH

THE sun is setting on a name that helped the British to keep their cool in the hottest international affairs.

In days of empire, the reason why Englishmen could manage to join mad dogs in the midday sun was probably because they were all wearing natty, tropical safari suits from Airey & Wheeler. But not for much longer.

After 113 years, a closure date of June 29 has been set for the gents' outfitter in Piccadilly, London, which ran up lightweight suits for Winston Churchill when he visited Oran's yacht in the 1960s, which has kitted out a fleet of foreign secretaries, clothed colonial administrators who detest a siesta, and which is almost the official uniform-supplier to the Foreign Office.

"We went into administration in January," said Anthony Airey, whose great-grandfather James was the shop's founder. "The recession had finally got to us."

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yard — half the weight of high street suiting. This helped to ensure, as Noel Coward put it, "that though the English are effete, they're quite impervious to heat".

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# Army veteran tried to murder gay man in 'revenge attack'

BY RICHARD DUCE

A FORMER soldier developed such a hatred of homosexuals after he was raped by a colleague while serving in the Army that he tried to murder a man who picked him up in a bar, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

George Rees was jailed for life with a recommendation that he serve at least ten years before parole was considered. Rees, who left The Blues and Royals cavalry regiment over 20 years ago claiming he was frequently bullied and abused, admitted the attempted murder of Tony Grundy.

He told police he also wanted to kill Michael Cashman, the actor who has campaigned for the Armed Forces to end its ban on homosexuals, and claimed to have kicked to death a gay man in Amsterdam, although this was never verified.

Peter Kyte, for the prosecution, said that Rees, 39, had met Mr Grundy in a bar one Sunday last October and was invited back to his home at the Barbican in London. Once there, he turned on his middle-aged host, forcing him to undress, then tied him up and stabbed him three times in the back.

Rees had told his victim: "You are bleeding to death."

You won't die yet — you have 20 minutes. Your only chance is to give me cash."

Mr Kyte said that having forced Mr Grundy to reveal his bank pin number, Rees fled with his gold watch, his wallet, credit cards and apartment keys. Mr Grundy managed to stagger for help, having lost four pints of blood.

Rees, formerly from Moss Side, Manchester, who was on the run from prison where he was serving six years for robbery, was arrested several weeks later in Windsor and confessed his crime. He told police he had been aiming for Mr Grundy's heart and was amazed he had survived.

"I just snapped. I was absolutely raging. In my heart of hearts I had done something which I knew had been coming for a long, long time."

"After the stabbing I felt a great sense of relief. He epitomised everything I had gone through 20 years ago." He claimed he was prepared to kill as many gay men as possible, adding: "They will never be safe from me."

Sandra Stanfield, for Rees, said: "He recognises he is a danger to society, a danger to a certain part of the population." Had Rees not confessed his crime, "perhaps the court

here would be dealing with a serial murderer."

Judge Hawkins told Rees: "It is obvious that you are a very dangerous man. The fact that you are extremely dangerous to the public should be remembered many years hence by those who have responsibility for your future."

As he was led from the dock, Rees turned to the judge, smiled and said: "Perhaps I will be out in time for Manchester City to come back to the Premier League. Thank you. Have a nice day."

Rees, who joined the Army in 1973 and left in 1975, spent 20 weeks in detention and 12 weeks absent without leave. A MoD spokesman said he was regarded as "highly maladjusted". He had made no allegations about homosexuality, which would have been investigated.

After learning of Rees's feelings Mr Cashman, the former *EastEnders* actor who is head of the gay rights group Stonewall, said: "I have had an occasional brick through my window and the occasional threat, but the fact that somebody might be out to murder you makes you wonder what sort of world it is where people are so twisted against lesbians and gay men."

## Challenge changes stripes into a star ride

CHALLENGED that he could not tame a zebra, Gary Witherford, a stables owner, has broken a three-year-old stallion and claimed that within three hours it was able to be ridden.

Yesterday Mr Witherford, 36, of Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, said: "Given the right approach anything can be trained and tamed — now I'm going to try to ride a giraffe."

He has worked with horses since the age of 12 and has always been fascinated by exotic wildlife. So when Chipperfield's Circus offered him the chance to train a wild zebra he agreed immediately. However, Mr Witherford, who is 6ft and weighs 13 stone, was too heavy to ride Mombassa and had to hand over the reins to Nicky Davies, 5ft. "I would have loved to have ridden him myself," Mr Witherford said, "but I'm far too tall and heavy. But I have achieved a lifelong ambition by getting someone else to ride a zebra."

"Mombassa was surprisingly easy to train and it only took me three hours to actually get someone to ride him. The secret to training any wild animal is eye contact and body language."

"Once they recognise you are the master and you've established trust through eye contact they will do whatever you want."



Nicky Davies on the young stallion Mombassa

## Teenage demands for sex 'lead to abuse'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

INCREASING numbers of young people are being coerced into sexual activity, doctors say. An era of sexual licence is encouraging behaviour that crosses the boundary to instances of abuse. With teenagers submitting to sexual activity only to avoid rejection or to conform to social pressures.

A survey of 1,100 adolescents aged 13 to 17 found one in three girls and one in ten boys said they had been subjected to a sexual experience without their consent ranging from indecent exposure to intercourse. One in 20 girls and one in 100 boys said they had had forced sexual intercourse.

A third of those reporting such an experience said it had occurred with another teenager aged under 18. Among the girls, three quarters of unwanted sexual experiences involving physical contact were with men under 35.

The findings from the survey, carried out in Geneva, conform with those from other countries. In Britain, a study of adults last year by the NSPCC found that a quarter of women and one in ten men said they had been subjected to "sexual interference" as adolescents and in 30 per cent of cases the abuser was under 16.

Writing in the *British Medical Journal*, Dr Daniel Halperin, a specialist at L'Hôpital des Enfants, Geneva, who carried out the study, said that teenagers as well as adults perpetrated child sex abuse. The study "suggests that for a sizeable minority of adolescents there is a rougher, possibly even traumatic side to sexual exploration". Further study of the "complex dating and sexual behaviour" of adolescents was needed.

Speaking yesterday, Dr Halperin said that comments by the girls in the survey "suggest that what one partner sees as seductive behaviour may be seen by the other as breaching the limits of seductivity. Young males believe that love and romance might allow them to be more than persuasive and indulge in a rougher kind of sexual activity. The girl may not be able to resist because she wants to preserve the relationship or to conform to social pressures."

"Television and magazines indirectly encourage teenagers to perform all kinds of sexual acts which are presented as common, but very little is said about the right to refuse." Michelle Elliott, of Kidscape, a charity that seeks to prevent child abuse through educating teachers and parents, said the findings accorded with experience in Britain.

## Mother's rapist stalked second woman

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A RAPIST who attacked a mother in front of her two children in a country lane is thought to have stalked another woman minutes earlier. Police revealed details yesterday as they issued a composite picture of the wanted man.

Detective Chief Inspector Tony Porter, who is leading the search, said that shortly before the attack a woman in her forties had got off a bus at the end of the lane near Buckton Vale in Tameside, Greater Manchester.

"She became aware she was being followed and doubled back," he said. "She had a very good look at the man, who had a very similar description to the rapist."

The mother succumbed only when she thought he would



Wanted: the rapist

attack the children. She helped to compile yesterday's E-fit picture.

The rapist is described as white, aged 20-25, 5ft 6in tall, slim, with short dark hair and bushy eyebrows. He wore a camel-coloured fleece zippered jacket, blue jeans and walking boots with yellow top trim.

A man wanted in connection with two attacks on a teenage student was named by police yesterday as Yousof Ali, 23. Detectives believe that he is obsessed with this girl, whom he once knew casually.

The 19-year-old victim was raped twice in six hours at her home in Colchester, Essex. Eight days later she was beaten up at home and left unconscious.

Ali is described as 6ft tall, of Indian or Pakistani appearance, slim-built with short black hair, smartly dressed and well-spoken, and driving a black or dark blue VW Golf convertible. He is thought to live in North London, and may use other names.

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Suspicion falls on fishermen as RSPCA prepares to make use of tougher penalties

# Men with clubs caught on film near seal killings

By PAUL WILKINSON

A PHOTOGRAPH of three men carrying clubs, taken shortly before grey seals were found battered to death on coastal rocks, was being studied by RSPCA officials yesterday.

The illegal killing of at least seven seals at the resort of Filey in east Yorkshire over the past month has enraged many local people. Suspicion has fallen on local fishermen, who often complain that seals

take the salmon they rely on for a living.

Fishermen's organisations along the coast have declined to comment on the deaths. Several residents have telephoned the RSPCA with possible identities of the culprits. One provided the snapshot of the three men.

The RSPCA officer leading the investigation, Deputy Chief Inspector Geoff Edmond, said: "We will check

these tips out and examine the photograph very closely. At the moment I am gathering evidence and I hope soon to be able to present a file to the police for further action.

"The people responsible for this should know they are not just facing a fine of a few pounds. Under the new Wild Mammals (Protection) Act, which became law only last month, they could be fined up to £5,000 and jailed for six months."



Two of the men pictured on the Yorkshire coast where the carcasses of grey seals were found

The seal carcasses have been found on and around Filey Brigg, a rocky promontory that juts several hundred yards out to sea from the resort's extensive beaches. Several had been bled to death, one had been slit open along its stomach and another ripped with a fisherman's gaff, a large hook on a long pole used for landing big fish.

"These are classic cases of what the new law was introduced to prevent," Mr Edmond said. "Whatever the rights and wrongs of seals taking fish, this is no way for any animal to die. It is sickening what has been done



Marie Sweeting yesterday above Filey Brigg, where she had been walking before alerting wildlife officials

to them. The Act specifically says these are unlawful ways of killing.

"My immediate concern is to ensure no more killings take place. The Brigg is a popular place for seals to take a rest but it is also easy for the killers to get at them.

"I know fishermen are always complaining about los-

ing fish to seals, but this is not a normal occurrence. Clearly someone somewhere does not like seals."

The alarm was raised by a woman out walking with her teenage daughter on the Brigg, Marie Sweeting, 45, told wildlife experts at the Sea Life Centre, seven miles away in Scarborough, which called

in the police and the RSPCA.

Mrs Sweeting said that she saw three men with bait and heavy sticks. "One of them said words to the effect that they were going to 'see to' the seals."

She took her daughter away immediately but when her friend Damon Taylor visited the site the next day, he found

a seal dead on the rocks with its head battered in.

Simon Foster of the centre has seen five dead animals. He said: "I have seen some severe injuries inflicted on animals by the sea, but in all my years in working with seals I have never seen anything like this. It was barbarous."

## Film star is likely to make perfect recovery

By A STAFF REPORTER

FAMILY and friends of the actor Timothy Spall said yesterday that they expected him to recover fully from his serious illness.

The television, film and stage star is in hospital for what his agent, Peter Froggatt, called "extensive treatment". Mr Froggatt refused to confirm a report that doctors had diagnosed leukaemia.

"Tim and his family decided they did not want to go into details," he said. "Tim is fine and in good spirits, but he has been in hospital for a few days. We expect him to make a perfect recovery but we can't say how long it will take."

The statement issued by the family said that they appreciated the public's interest but wanted his privacy to be respected. It added: "Peace and quiet is essential for his well being."

Spall's brother Richard, who runs a pub in Guildford, Surrey, said: "This is a family thing. There is no reason for the public to know any more."

The actor's illness was made public this week when he failed to attend the Cannes Film Festival, where the Mike Leigh film *Secrets and Lies*, in which he has a leading role, won the Palme d'Or.

Spall, 39, is married with three children and lives in Forest Hill, south London. He specialises in playing ordinary characters and first found fame as boring Barry from Birmingham, a builder in *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*. He also starred in *Frank Stubbs Promotes* and *Outside Edge*.



Spall: did not attend Cannes Film Festival

## Daily drug offers lucky break for victims of fragile bones

The bent old woman, stick in hand, who taps her way along the pavement is all too likely to have been the petite student that 50 years earlier enthralled her contemporaries with her appearance and prowess on the games field and dance floor.

Post-menopausal osteoporosis can reduce the nimblest gymnast to incapacity in later life. Women athletes, because of the hormonal upset those sporting activities produce, are particularly liable to suffer badly from osteoporosis. Fragility of the bones plagues most older women after their oestrogen supplies have failed at the menopause. Men too suffer from osteoporosis but usually it starts at a later age. Osteoporosis is more than an in-

convenience that makes it difficult for older women to reach the upper kitchen shelves or gives them a disabling chronic backache. It is also a killer, because a fragile bone is liable to fracture. A broken hip not only means a long period in hospital but all too often leads to lethal complications. In one recent survey a fifth of women who had had a fractured hip died within a year.

Rheumatologists, orthopaedic surgeons and experts from a host of allied specialties gathered in Amsterdam this week for a meeting of the World Congress on Osteoporosis. One of the papers delivered was on the use of Fosamax alendronate in the prevention of hip, spine, wrist and other fractures. Fosamax is taken by mouth as a once-daily dose

for several years. Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) is a standard way of preventing osteoporosis; it has the advantage of reducing the incidence of heart disease and possibly strokes, as well as loss of bone density and fragility, but the disadvantage of increasing the likelihood of breast cancer.

Fortunately the proportion of women who will develop breast cancer is small. But in up to a third of those treated, the advantages of

HRT have to be weighed against irritability and irrational behaviour which it induces in this minority of women every month.

Fosamax is an alternative to HRT. Regrettably it does not have a beneficial effect on heart disease or strokes or preserve a youthful genitalia, but it does not increase the chance of breast cancer or cause regular vaginal bleeding — and hence there is no FMT. It has only been used for a comparatively few

years but apart from the occasional case of indigestion does not seem to cause serious side-effects.

It may prove to be of an immense advantage to those women who are either reluctant to take HRT or for whom it is not recommended because of a family history of breast disease or ovarian cancer.

An important aspect of the research reported in Amsterdam was that an American trial in which Fosamax was given to more than 2,000 women between 55 and 80 showed that it had a dramatic effect on the fracture rate. Women taking Fosamax had a 46 per cent reduction in the rate of spinal fractures, a 51 per cent lower risk of a hip fracture and a 44 per

cent reduction in wrist fractures. In addition the women lost height at half the rate of their contemporaries.

As at least a third of European women will develop a fracture after the menopause that can be attributed to osteoporosis, time may well show that Fosamax becomes a drug that is considered for use in all those cases for those women who are unable to have HRT.

Trials are now under way to study its effect in men, so that in a few years the spectacle of the once athletic rowing giant who shrivels to the size of a jockey may pass into history.



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# Water chiefs urge gardeners to buy plants of the Med

By TIM JONES

GARDENERS on the South Coast have been warned to concentrate on plants more suited to semi-arid Mediterranean climes.

More than 200,000 householders who from yesterday face an indefinite ban on the use of water sprinklers have been sent a booklet ominously illustrated by a giant cactus. It tells them they are in the middle of the worst drought in living memory and advises them to concentrate on growing plants that flourish in dry conditions.

While the area affected, which includes Brighton, Hove, Shoreham, Lewes, Worthing, Littlehampton and Arundel, is not yet in danger of being turned into a dust bowl, there are already signs of dry, parched grass.

Southern Water says the ban is necessary because the shortage of rain has made the situation far more critical even than in the seemingly endless summer of 1976.

The area was hoping for twice the average rainfall of 6.3in for March, April and May but only 2.6in fell from a grudging sky. In addition, some of the huge underground aquifers from which Sussex obtains its supplies were, at the beginning of the year, nearly 40ft below their normal level.

Gardeners have been told to change their ways because of the huge amounts of water their sprinklers can use while they enjoy an evening gin and tonic. In just one hour, a sprinkler, regarded in any event as an indiscriminate aid, can spray 300 gallons, as much as a family of four would expect to use in two days.

To help gardeners to cope with the prospect of seeing their prized flower beds wilt

and die, a free booklet, written by the television gardening expert Richard Jackson, says cheerfully that certain plants thrive in dry soil.

It adds: "Don't forget that most herbs come from Mediterranean countries and positively flourish in hot, dry summers. What's more, in conditions like this, they tend to taste better too."

Gardeners who once took pride in the rich, lovingly prepared soil between flowers are advised to cover the gaps



Shape of 1996: booklet from Southern Water

by introducing ground-cover plants to shade the soil and prevent the loss of moisture. "Once memorably described as the harassed gardener's secret weapon, they're the most cost-effective and certainly the prettiest way of filling any gaps between plants."

The hot southern sun, the booklet implies, sucks up moisture in much the same way as an alcoholic downs cans of extra-strength lager.

Gardeners are told that washing-up water and bath-water are precious commodities that they can slosh with confidence onto their lawns

and established plants. Waste water must not, however, be used on vegetables and plants in containers.

Other tips include the regular hoeing of weed seedlings to prevent them from stealing water, setting up windbreaks to prevent loss of moisture, installing water butts and using organic matter as a mulch to keep soil moisture retentive and to prevent evaporation.

The booklet lists a number of plants worth planting that are likely to flourish in dry conditions. Suggestions for shrubs in dry sunny positions include the yucca, sage and lavender. Hardy perennials for dry shade include Alchemilla (lady's mantle) and Ajuga (bugles) while recommended hardy perennials for sunny spots include poppies, Helianthemum (rock rose) and pinks. Useful ground-cover plants include hardy garden geraniums, Lamium, Sedum, catmint, Pulmonaria and periwinkles.

Stuart Derwent, water services managing director, said: "The restriction is necessary to safeguard supplies in the home. By preventing their use we hope to avoid more serious shortages later. We don't like these bans any more than the next person but we do have a legal duty to give priority to drinking water."

Visitors to the area should not despair that the beautiful municipal gardens of Brighton and other resorts will be turned into cacti beds.

Local authorities use water that is not fit for human consumption, so while all around cacti may bloom and herbs thrive on dry soil, council-owned gardens, at least, will forever remain a traditional and verdant part of old England.

# Sooty goes hand in glove with Japanese for £1.4m

By ADRIAN LEE

JAPANESE investors have decided to bank on a bear market by spending £1.4 million to acquire the worldwide rights to Sooty. They hope to transform him into an international star.

The original glove puppet cost 36p when his first owner, Harry Corbett, bought him in a toy shop 44 years ago. His son Matthew has sold the rights after his own children said they had no intention of continuing the family tradition.

Fans of Sooty were assured yesterday that hopes of super-stardom will not go to his head. A spokesman for the new owners, the merchant bank Guinness Mahon, a subsidiary of the Bank of Yokohama, said: "We are not going to put Sooty in Raybans or anything like that."

One important issue is whether the puppet — who has previously spoken in inaudible whispers — should be given a voice. The deal also involves Sooty's friends Sweep the dog, Soo the panda, cousin Scamp, and Matthew Corbett, who will continue to work with the bear until 1998, advising his new owners.

Sooty's future is likely to include a new television series, merchandising, cartoons and endorsements.

His new owners have already achieved rewards from investing in Thomas the Tank Engine. Simon Turner, of Guinness Mahon, said: "The Japanese went crazy for Thomas."



End of a family tradition: Matthew Corbett is parting company with Sooty, bottom left, Sweep, Sue and Scamp

too much." American trends are towards traditional characters and away from fighting robots, Mr Turner said.

The puppet already generates a revenue of £1 million a year, of which £300,000 is profit. Matthew Corbett became his puppetmaster in 1977 and had hoped to hand control to one of his own children. They had other aspirations. Ben, 24, is in a rock band; Tamsin, 22, hopes to become a teacher and Joe, 19, plans a medical career. Mr Corbett said: "It's time for

Sooty to stand on his own two feet.

The plan is to use my 50th birthday in two years' time as a springboard to shoot Sooty to stardom. My wife Sally and I are delighted with the deal."

The deal consists of £1.1 million to buy the rights and £300,000 to market the character. Mr Corbett said he did not have the funds to develop the bear's potential himself, and Guinness Mahon had said Sooty would not be over-exploited. The

puppeteer said: "We are very anxious that he does not become a one-year wonder like the Ninja Turtles."

The choice was to sell Sooty or simply stop. I am thrilled because I was worried no one would want to buy him. In the end I had several choices."

He had no regrets that his children would not take over. "Sooty is so big, I would not wish him on any individual. My father would be proud as punch because I am doing with my life what I want to."



Founding father: Harry Corbett

# Cuddly friends in peril from peers

THE lunchtime calm of the House of Lords was ruffled yesterday when Labour peers launched an unprecedented attack on five defenceless creatives (James Landale writes).

Luminaries such as Baroness Castle of Blackburn, the former Cabinet Minister, and Lord Dubs paused from their regular scrutiny of Government and unleashed a torrent of political invective against Muffin the Mule, Sooty, Stingray, the Clangers and Dangermouse.

Lady Castle was protesting at the decision by the Royal Mail to celebrate 50 years of children's television by displaying the characters on a special stamp issue this au-

turn. She was angry that requests to mark the centenary of the death of William Morris, the Victorian poet, designer and socialist, with a similar stamp issue had been ignored.

Lady Castle demanded that Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, the Trade Minister, called the Royal Mail to account and reversed this "absurd" preference. "Do not you agree with me in deploring this philistine decision?" she asked.

Lord Fraser replied that he understood the choice was made to encourage children to become interested in stamp collecting. "That is entirely a commercial decision for the Post Office," he said.

# Vegetarians have pick of the crop

By ROBIN YOUNG

THIS is National Vegetarian Week, and Asda is among the stores distributing easy-to-follow vegetarian recipes. The Vegetarian Society has been handling thousands of inquiries every day since the BSE alert began, and the vegetarian market is now worth well over £400 million a year. All the supermarkets are promoting alternatives to meat, such as Quorn.

Announced promotions include: Asda: Quorn quarter pounders 99p for four, loose mushrooms 99p lb, beef stewing steak £3.38 kg, braising steak £3.58 kg, Galia melons 89p each, rose bouquets £2.99 for 10 stems. Budgens: mixed salad and peppers 99p for 300g, potato salad 29p 4 lb, fresh chicken leg portions £2.29 kg, St Ivel Shape yogurts £1.89 for 8 x 125g. Co-op: grated low fat cheese £1.29 for 250g, fresh turkey breast steaks £3.29 for four, fresh whole medium chicken £3.79, grapefruit juice 95p ltr. Harrods: prawn delice £2.95 each, bean and mushroom salad 95p for 100g, Iceberg lettuce 49p each, Umbrian truffle cheese £31.95 kg. Iceland: southern fried chick-

en £2.59 for 794g, mushroom and garlic filled chicken £1.49 for two, crunchy fish sticks £1.49 for 24, cauliflower £1.79 for 1.8kg, baby carrots 69p for 907g. Marks & Spencer: thin base pizza selection £1.99 for 315g, freshly squeezed orange juice £1.99 ltr, Aberdeen Angus mince £5.59/kg, two Caledonian salmon fillets £3.99 for 283g, Belgian chocolates £6.99 for 350g, English strawberries £1.99 for 240g punnet. Morrisons: fresh turkey sausages 95p for 340g, Scotch eggs 99p for three, coley fillet £2.40 kg, Birds Eye garden peas £1.52 for 907g. Safeway: chicken £4.99 for 2.27kg, cauliflower 59p each, Jersey Royal potatoes 29p lb, cherry tomatoes 99p lb, white seedless grapes 89p lb. Sainsbury's: boneless pork shoulder joints £2.18 kg, small tomatoes 95p for 500g, broccoli 49p lb, Iceberg lettuce 49p each, Galia melons £1.19 each, oranges £1.19 for eight. Somerfield: fresh forerib of beef £3.92 kg, tomatoes 38p lb, peppers 99p lb, red grapefruit 29p each, sweetcorn £1.15 for two, dwarf beans 99p for 250g. Tesco: sirloin steak £9.69 kg, medium Galia melons 99p each, Iceberg lettuce 49p each, spinach 49p for 250g. Waitrose: lemon and pepper chicken £2.79 for 300g, avocado pears 29p each, Jersey new potatoes 49p lb, sweetcorn 99p for two, mixed salad £1.49 for 350g, Galia melons £1.49 each.

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# Let judges make punishment fit the crime, says Taylor

By FRANCES GIBB AND RICHARD FORD

THE introduction of minimum sentencing proposed by the Government would subvert the function of the courts with grave consequences, the Lord Chief Justice said yesterday.

Lord Taylor of Gostorth condemned the statistics on which Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, had based his proposals. "The shallow and untested figures in the White Paper do not describe fairly and clearly the problems the Government seeks to address—still less do they justify the radical solutions it proposes," he told peers.

Lord Taylor, who is retiring because of ill-health, delivered his parting blow at a specially arranged debate in the Lords. He marked out the lines of battle between the Home Secretary and the judiciary, which now looks certain to be joined when Mr Howard introduces a Bill this autumn.

But the strength of the opposition raises doubts over whether the Government will get its proposals through before the general election. Peer after peer lined up to support Lord Taylor, who denied his assault was prompted by any personal animosity towards the Home Secretary.

The Government's White

Paper, *Protecting the Public*, puts forward minimum sentences of three years for third-time burglars and seven years for third-time drug dealers along the lines of the American-style "three strikes and you're out" model.

But Lord Taylor said it amounted to a "jettisoning" by ministers of their own promise in another White Paper six years ago. Then they rejected a system of minimum or mandatory life sentences for certain offences.

He attacked as a meaningless palliative the proposed "escape clause" introduced into the White Paper, which allowed judges to depart from the minimum sentences in "genuinely exceptional cases". This would result in the "worst of both worlds".

What was an "exceptional case"? If judges construed it tightly, it would have little effect and become a dead letter. If they construed it broadly, they would be accused of "driving a coach and horses" through the provision and thwarting Parliament.

"More fundamentally, the proposal subverts the function of the court which is to sentence according to the justice of each individual case, not to see whether it can be

accommodated within a narrow exception and otherwise to take a sentence off the shelf." In an appeal to Mr Howard to think again, he said: "Judges need the ability to tailor the sentence to the offence—to make the punishment fit the crime."

Mr Howard and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who responded for the Government in the debate, defended the proposals. Mr Howard said the public needed more protection and that many persistent burglars felt that a short spell in prison was an "occupational hazard". They should be given a "stiff minimum sentence".

Lord Mackay said that the Government's case was a powerful one. The automatic life sentences were being brought for serious offences so that there would be some way of deciding when the offender was safe for release. At present they were let out automatically. But the proposal would ensure that the decision rested with the Parole Board. "We should not leave it to a judge at the time of sentence to decide, with no second thoughts, when it will be safe to release this sort of offender."

Lord Taylor accepted the "real public concern" that a



Lord Taylor speaking yesterday. He said the Government's proposals were based on dubious and flimsy evidence

tiny minority of dangerous criminals could at present be released while still a danger to the public. But he said: "It is not possible to justify a wholesale changeover to a regime of mandatory sentences... simply by scaremongering about a very small number of offenders who could in any event be dealt with in another way."

Lord Carr of Hadley, a former Tory Home Secretary, urged the Government to

think again. The proposals "overturn the principles and philosophies" of its own 1991 Criminal Justice Act, which were the policies not of another party but of a Tory government in which Mr Howard was a minister.

"I really do not think, that the Government can, on such a vital matter, go into reverse like that without explaining to Parliament and the public at large why they were so funda-

mentally wrong six years ago and why they are now so fundamental right."

Lord Donaldson of Lynton, former Master of the Rolls, said Michael Howard had given a clear message to the public that judges were not to be trusted. "That's what it amounts to. It is an unprecedented attitude for a government to take; and it is deplorable as it is unprecedented."

Lord Windlesham, a former Home Office minister and former chairman of the Parole Board, said that everyone could share the objectives of the White Paper. But he added: "I am bound to say that the essentially punitive strategy it sets out, in my view, is misconceived and is likely to prove counter-productive if it were to be enacted."

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## Lib Dems monitor Major's EU ploy

By ANDREW PIERCE

THE Liberal Democrats have set up a unit to monitor the effects of Britain's policy of non-cooperation with Europe.

A convention on insolvency proceedings, which speeds up payments to creditors of EU companies that go bankrupt, will be the first target. British businesses are excluded from payouts because of the Government's refusal to sign up to the convention.

The Liberal Democrats will catalogue all cases where British firms suffer. They will also analyse the effects of Britain's failure to sign up to any other European laws.

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## 'Authoritarian' Blair angers Labour activists

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR activists have clashed with Tony Blair over his "authoritarian leadership", which they believe is causing deep and irreversible splits in the party.

The disaffected supporters have formed a new opposition group and are prepared to cause havoc with new Labour unless Mr Blair returns to a more traditional, socialist agenda. The group, Labour Reform, said: "Labour supporters outside Islington are feeling deeply miffed about the way things are going without their consultation."

But yesterday Mr Blair made it clear there would be no compromising with party rebels. He insisted that a centralising policy was necessary for Labour to win the general election.

In an interview with the *Evening Standard*, he said: "People have been telling me ever since the change began in the Labour Party: 'You will never manage it, the party will fall apart, everyone will disagree'. It hasn't happened and it won't happen and nothing in recent days makes me think other than that."

Mr Blair denied that the party was beginning to fray round the edges. "Of course there will be those who resist change but people have resisted the changes that I have been making in the Labour Party over the past two years. In the end change will be driven by me, of course. But it will also be driven by the overwhelming view of the Labour Party that modernisation is right."

He warned the rebels that winning the election should be their first aim and added: "If we are elected, the Labour government will be an unhes-

itating new Labour government. That is without any doubt at all."

Labour Reform rejects the argument that they should not speak out for fear of jeopardising the party's election prospects. More than 200 people have joined the group, mainly Labour councillors from London, Oxford, Birmingham, Stoke on Trent, Stafford, Sheffield and Salford. They will start writing to all councillors next week and will hold a meeting next month.

The group complains that small groups of right-wing Labour radicals are "constructing a populist, plebiscitary model for the party in complete opposition to its traditions".

Andy Howell, a Birmingham councillor and chairman of Labour Reform, said that the party was in danger of losing touch with its roots. Many loyal supporters who had served the party for years were now refusing to take part in fundraising.

He said: "The Clause Four debate may be well and truly over, but there is still a serious dilemma over the future structure of the party. Mr Blair is almost single handedly fundamentally altering the character of Labour and he has totally lost touch with anyone outside the Metropolis."

Tim Pendry, the vice-chairman, warned Mr Blair: "Our research, our membership, is telling us that we're representing a lot of people out there who're feeling very miffed with the way things are going. And they are deeply loyal to the party and to Mr Blair and he should bring us in to his world view. He should understand that, that loyalty, that love, is not unconditional."

## Spin-doctors 'are poisoning politics'

By ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR was warned by one of his former chief lieutenants yesterday that the turbulence in the Labour leadership had been caused by his own spin-doctors planting stories about Shadow Cabinet splits.

Joy Johnson, who used to be Labour's director of communications, launched a thinly disguised attack on Peter Mandelson, one of Mr Blair's most trusted confidants. Writing in *New Statesman & Society*, she said: "There are many causes for the decline in the esteem in which politicians are held but spin-doctors and their clients must take responsibility for obscuring the language of politics and for trivialising its content. They are slowly dripping poison into the body politic."

The article, the first since she left her Labour Party post in January, was seen at West-

minster last night as her long-awaited revenge on Mr Mandelson, the MP for Hartlepool. Ms Johnson, a close ally of Gordon Brown, quit after being frozen out of key decisions by Mr Mandelson and Alastair Campbell, the leader's press secretary.

The *Times* revealed two weeks ago that Mr Brown and Mr Mandelson had not been on personal speaking terms for 18 months and that Mr Blair was so concerned about the impact on his election strategy that he was trying to broker a reconciliation.

Ms Johnson, a former BBC political news editor, who has returned to broadcasting, wrote that spin-doctors were the "bastard offspring of this lobby system where the unattributable briefing becomes fact", and that they should be "brought to heel".



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# Americans seize Chinese in arms smuggling 'sting'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

FEDERAL agents arrested representatives of China's two main government arms companies in California yesterday after an 18-month "sting" operation and America's biggest seizure of smuggled automatic weapons.

Beginning on Wednesday night, nearly 100 federal agents fanned out across San Francisco to capture the Chinese dealers and their American associates and to charge them with smuggling into the United States 2,000 automatic AK47 rifles worth \$4 million (£2.65 million) on the black market. Jamie Gorelick, the Deputy Attorney-General, called the Chinese arms ring a very serious matter and seven men were due to appear in court last night.

The "sting" was led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), which duped the Chinese into believing they were selling weapons to American gangs. The Chinese apparently were also offering anti-aircraft missiles and explosives. They promised "all the weapons you could ever imagine", one federal source said.

The dealers worked for Poly Technologies and Norinco, two pillars of China's military-industrial complex with close

ties to the country's political and military leadership. The president of Poly Technologies was for several years He Ping, son-in-law of China's supreme leader, Deng Xiaoping.

It was not clear immediately whether the dealers were acting with Peking's approval or freelancing for personal profit, but one source noted that they were "people in a position to deliver substantial arms and are not lower-level flunkies". Either way the arrests were bound to exacerbate Sino-American tensions and complicate further President Clinton's efforts to win congressional approval for continuing China's preferential trading status.

The two countries are on the brink of a trade war over Chinese piracy of American music, films and software, and on Wednesday the Administration said that it had protested vigorously against Chinese attempts to buy lethal Russian missile technology that would enable it to threaten American cities.

"It is hard to know if it is worse that they are trying to buy nuclear weapons technology or sell guns on American streets," an exasperated State Department official said. "Either way they do not make it

any easier for us to stabilise the relationship."

The "sting" began in 1994 when federal agents in San Francisco set out to discover how gangs obtained their illegal weapons: they were told the answer was Chinese arms suppliers. That December an ATF agent posing as a Miami arms smuggler was said to have been introduced to one of the arrested dealers, Hammond Ku. Two months later Mr Ku produced five automatic weapons to prove he could deliver on a promise of machineguns, rocket launchers and other weapons.

In January and February this year, the ATF wired nearly \$270,000 via Hong Kong to a Peking account as a down-payment. On March 18, a Chinese vessel steamed into Oakland harbour, where it unloaded 112 wooden crates containing the AK47s. The ATF tipped off US Customs, which let the crates through, and a few days later paid the balance.

The ATF had intended to continue the operation in order to lure more senior Chinese officials to America, but brought it to a premature close when the *Los Angeles Times* and *The New York Times* got wind of it.



A Type 42 destroyer, HMS Glasgow, sails past the Statue of Liberty and up the Hudson River yesterday for the start of New York's Fleet Week. Among Royal Navy ships accompanying her were the aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious and the frigate HMS Cumberland. British Harrier jump jets will give a public display tomorrow. Some crew members had different interests: "Women, pubs and clubs," said one

# Netanyahu vows to send troops into West Bank

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, right-wing challenger for the post of Israeli Prime Minister in Wednesday's election, made clear yesterday that if elected he would order Israeli security forces to re-enter Arab-run areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip now policed by armed Palestinian police.

The hardline pledge came in interviews with the Likud leader and the incumbent Labour Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, published to mark the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. It has

raised fresh fears that a Likud victory could spark fighting between Israeli troops and the Palestinian police, many of whom have pledged to resist attempts by the Israeli Army to return to autonomous areas evacuated under terms of the 1993 peace accord.

"All hell will break loose. It means the end of the peace process as we know it," Shlomo Avineri, a respected former director-general of the Foreign Ministry, said when asked what a Netanyahu victory would bring.

Questioned by the mass-circulation *Yediot Achronot* how he would live up to his campaign promise to improve

the security of Israelis, whose lives have been shattered by a series of Islamic suicide bombs, Mr Netanyahu said: "Perhaps we do not have an absolute answer, perhaps we do not have the ability to seal hermetically the entrance of an individual terrorist, but we have the power to change the reality in which we live. Terror has succeeded in the last four years because the Government has provided it city sanctuaries, with the help of the Palestinian Authority."

The paper then asked: "Will you go into Nablus [the largest Palestinian-controlled city in the West Bank] and

the Gaza Strip?" Mr Netanyahu, whose Cabinet would include such noted hawks as former generals Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eitan, replied: "Definitely."

In a contrasting interview, Mr Peres offered a different prospect to voters, at least 10 per cent of whom are still "undecided". Mr Peres said: "I have a doubt about whether a peace agreement can be reached with Syria without returning to them all of the Golan Heights. In any event, we have always said that we are prepared to make territorial compromises on the Golan Heights."



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FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN AMARILLO, TEXAS

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**Prairie dog sucked by vacuum from ground**

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# Japanese cult sent 'disciples to test killer gas on town'

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SHOKO ASAHARA, leader of the Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth) cult, ordered disciples to mass produce deadly nerve gas and test its power in the streets of a town north of Tokyo in 1994, prosecutors alleged yesterday.

They said it was the start of a doomsday plot to wipe out untold numbers of innocent people. The prosecution described how obedient followers drove a lorry to the town of Matsumoto to release the sarin gas produced by scientists at the commune of the cult. The objective of the attack was to kill judges staying at a courthouse dormitory in the town, who were due to rule against the sect in a property lawsuit, as well as to test the power of the gas.

The defendant planned an experiment to see the effect of sarin as a weapon of mass murder in densely populated urban centres, the prosecution told the Tokyo District Court. Seven people were killed and 144 injured in the experiment in June 1994. They were the unwitting guinea pigs in a rehearsal for the March 1995 attack on the Tokyo subway, in which 11 people died and more than 4,000 were injured.

Mr Asahara faces murder charges for the June 1994 gassing. Last month he made his initial court appearance on

charges that he masterminded the Tokyo subway attack.

Yesterday the prosecutors also presented evidence that, at Mr Asahara's command, disciples built a sarin plant to produce 70 tonnes of the lethal Nazi-invented gas to wipe out the population of entire cities. They alleged that Mr Asahara also ordered the production of 1,000 automatic rifles and one million bullets in preparation for a bloody struggle to topple the Japanese Government.

They said Mr Asahara, 41, ordered the arms programme after he and his followers unsuccessfully ran in parliamentary elections in 1990. After the election humiliation, he decided the public should be subjected to his wrath.

Mr Asahara listened to the charges without a flicker of emotion. He again refused requests to enter a plea, as he had done when the trial opened last month. "I have nothing to say," he defiantly told the panel of judges that is hearing the case. Japan does not have jury trials.

Later he appeared to doze off as prosecutors read from a long statement detailing their case. One of his lawyers poked him from behind to rouse him. The trial is expected to take years to conclude and, if convicted on murder charges, the nearly blind religious leader could go to the gallows.

Besides the two sets of murder charges, he faces 15 others ranging from ordering the execution of rebellious followers to illegal drug and weapons manufacturing.

Public interest in the trial, while waning somewhat, remained high. About 3,000 people lined up for a lottery for about 50 public seats.

In the courtroom yesterday was Yoshiyuki Kono, 46, a resident of Matsumoto who had been falsely accused of the 1994 gassing. The prosecutors described how Mr Kono and his wife were watching television when his wife suddenly complained of feeling ill. On hearing a strange noise outside, he went out and found his two dogs in spasms and foaming at the mouth. When Mr Kono ran back indoors, his wife had collapsed. She is still in hospital, unable to move or speak.

Until his arrest, the revered Mr Asahara predicted that the world would come to an end next year, and only Aum Shinrikyo followers would escape annihilation.

Virtually all of the cult's top members — including Mr Asahara's wife — have been arrested for alleged crimes ranging from misdemeanours to helping to carry out the Tokyo subway murders.

Mr Asahara's next court appearance is set for June 20.



## Off with the Queen's head as colony sets stamp on future

Designs for new Hong Kong stamps, above, in preparation for the colony's return to China next year were published yesterday (Jonathan Mirsky writes). Based on agreement between Britain and China, the set replaces the present stamps with the Queen's head, right, and shows the is-

land's harbour side. New coins appeared last year, with the Queen's head replaced by the bauhinia orchid, the "national flower". The change is in line with action by several of the colony's institutions, though not the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, which have abandoned the "royal" in their titles.



## Navy task force will evacuate last of Hong Kong garrison

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THREE warships from a Royal Navy task force due to deploy on a six-month tour of Australia and the Far East next year have been earmarked to divert to Hong Kong to evacuate the last elements of the British garrison before the handover to China.

A Ministry of Defence statement yesterday, which was cleared with the Chinese Government before it was released, said the ships would be "available" for the withdrawal from Hong Kong "on the transfer of sovereignty in June 1997".

Although the ministry has not yet decided which ships will be involved, it is expected that a destroyer or frigate with advanced communications equipment will command the evacuation programme, assisted by a landing ship — such as the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel *Sir Lancelot* or *Sir Tristram* — and a second support frigate. The with-

drawal programme and the handover ceremony are still being discussed with the Chinese Government. There is still no decision yet on whether the Royal Yacht *Britannia* will be sent on a last voyage before being decommissioned to ferry home Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong.

Yesterday's statement by Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, was the first time that the Government has disclosed any element of the planned withdrawal programme. Ministry of Defence sources said it was such a sensitive subject that even the general statement about warships being sent to Hong Kong had to be discussed with China.

The garrison on the British colony consists of about 1,400 army personnel. The resident battalion, the 1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles, is due to be replaced by the 1st Battalion Staffordshire Regiment in November. The last regiment

to serve on the British colony, however, will be the Black Watch, which will be sent to Hong Kong in February.

Other units still serving in the colony at the handover period will be the Queen's Gurkha Transport Squadron and 6/7 Gurkha Field Squadron Royal Engineers, a total of about 400 men. The Black Watch Regiment of 650 men and the two other units will be taken off the island on the landing ship to be returned to Britain.

Army sources said the Black Watch soldiers would go unaccompanied by their families to make the withdrawal easier to plan.

The three warships delegated to carry out the Hong Kong withdrawal will be part of Ocean Wave 97, codename for the deployment of a naval task force, led by the aircraft carrier, *HMS Illustrious*. The dozen ships involved will leave in January and will not return until August.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Cyprus role for envoy

London: Sir David Han- nany, Britain's former per- manent representative to the United Nations, has been appointed a special representative for Cyprus (Michael Binyon writes).

French strike hits Eurostar

Paris: The Eurostar train service between Paris and London was disrupted by striking rail workers demanding a shorter working week (Ben Macintyre writes).

Saudis reject retaliation

London: Saudi Arabia has agreed to put to one side its anger with Britain over Muhammad al-Masari, the dissident physicist (Michael Binyon writes).

Help sent to French troops

Paris: France has flown armoured vehicles and other heavy equipment on board chartered cargo planes to back up its troops fighting an anti-government rebellion in the Central African Republic, military sources said.

Cuba traders face US ban

Miami: Washington is warning executives of foreign firms trading with Cuba that they could soon lose the right to enter the US as the Cuban Liberty Act, passed in March, is enforced (David Adams writes).

Indian guns force Kashmir voters to the ballot box

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BARAMULA

THE Kashmir Valley's first elections in seven years yesterday undermined India's promise of a free and fair poll. People were forced out of their homes by soldiers and ordered to vote, producing an artificially high turnout.

Over the population despite losing much of their support because of involvement in rapes and extortion. There is little militant activity any more inside Kashmir because of intense security operations.

Baramula and Anantnag capital of the valley, votes next week. The official turnout in Baramula was last night put at 35 per cent and in Anantnag at 43 per cent.

In the town of Baramula about 1,000 people took to the streets chanting anti-election and anti-India slogans, a rare mass protest in a region saturated with security forces.

Kashmiris complain of being trapped between two sets of guns: those of the security forces and those of the militants. The former ordered them to vote, the latter said they should not do so. Posters

appeared in Baramula last week warning that anybody who voted would suffer dire punishment. It was signed Afghan Commandos, a small militant organisation.

Many people who refused to vote said they feared visits from security forces today to check if they had an inkmark on their fingers. "If they don't find the mark, we will be beaten. They will be very angry. This election is a farce," a local doctor said.

"Nobody wants to vote because that would legitimise India's occupation of Kashmir. Every man, woman and child is crying for azadi [freedom]. We want our independence back," he said.

It is unofficially estimated that India has 350,000 security forces in Kashmir, including those guarding the 1949 ceasefire line which divides the former kingdom between India and Pakistan. Officially another 50,000 were drafted in for the election; the real figure is probably double that.

The militant movement in Kashmir is in chaos because of the introduction of officially sponsored counter-insurgency groups that have gone on a killing spree to wipe out activists from separatist organisations. Most of the killing now is Kashmiri against Kashmiri; the armed forces are able to take a back seat.

President Clinton and Helmut Kohl shake hands before their meeting at Milwaukee City Hall yesterday



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Clinton and Kohl send summit signal

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, yesterday openly endorsed President Yeltsin in his tough battle for re-election against the Communist Gennadi Zyuganov on June 19.

Casting diplomatic niceties aside, Herr Kohl said he supported those that pursued reform and wanted to open Russia up and continued: "I do hope the present President will win." Mr Clinton

was only marginally more restrained, saying he believed Mr Yeltsin and other reformers represented the future and "we hope the Russian people will vote for the future". But it was far from clear that their highly unusual intervention in Russian affairs would actually help Mr Yeltsin. It could assist Mr Zyuganov by fuelling Russian nationalist sentiment.

The two men agreed during their meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to adhere to the December deadline for withdrawing the US-led international

peacekeeping force from Bosnia, whether or not that country had achieved stability. They also discussed strong European objections to US plans to impose sanctions on foreign companies doing business with Iran and Libya. Mr Clinton and Herr Kohl were speaking at a joint press conference during what was quickly dubbed the "sausage summit". After the conference, the two were going to what promised to be a formidable lunch.

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Clinton pledges to ban gay marriages

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT CLINTON has enraged America's homosexuals, among his strongest supporters in 1992, by saying that he intends to sign a Republican Bill outlawing same-sex "marriages".

"This is capitulation to religious-political extremists," the Human Rights Campaign, America's main homosexual pressure group, said. The group withdrew an invitation to George Stephanopoulos, a White House adviser, to address a San Francisco dinner.

The Defence of Marriage Act, co-sponsored by Bob Dole, was "a ploy by the floundering Dole-for-President campaign to drive a wedge between the gay community and President Clinton", the protesters said, "and it is very disappointing that he has felt the need to take the politically expedient way out."

David Mixer, a California fundraiser and one of Mr Clinton's most prominent

homosexual supporters, called the President's decision "nauseating and appalling... an act of political cowardice". The White House said that Mr Clinton's decision was based on personal conviction, but it was undoubtedly influenced by the public roasting he suffered for his early attempt to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. In recent months Mr Clinton has been presenting himself as a champion of centrist, mainstream values and he was not going to let his Republican foes put him "back in his liberal box" by vetoing this Bill.

Mr Clinton won an estimated six million homosexual votes in 1992, nearly 15 per cent of his total. The gay vote is particularly important in the key electoral state of California, but the White House appears to have calculated that homosexuals have nowhere else to go.

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# Agent 'was filmed passing secrets to British diplomats'

By RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A RUSSIAN diplomat accused of spying for Britain was reportedly caught red-handed by Russian counter-intelligence officers using high-tech communications equipment to pass secrets to British diplomats in Moscow.

In an account of the latest spying row between Russia and Britain, the weekly newspaper *Argumenty i Fakty* reported an extraordinary tale of espionage straight from the pages of an Ian Fleming novel.

Citing sources at the Federal Security Service (FSB), the newspaper claimed that the middle-ranking Russian diplomat, who is being held at the maximum-security Lefortovo prison in Moscow, is the son of a Russian ambassador serving in a European capital.

The spy was apparently equipped with a small short-wave radio transmitting device. This enabled him to broadcast coded messages to a nearby British contact who had a receiver which recorded the information. The Russians apparently monitored the spy and videotaped him in action.

Although it is customary for one intelligence officer to control a spy, the Russians claimed that nine members of the British Embassy were used on different occasions to retrieve information broadcast by the agent. The accused spy was arrested in April and

the tape was shown to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to Sir Andrew Wood, the British Ambassador. The move triggered a two-week row which led to the tit-for-tat expulsions of four diplomats in each capital last week.

The newspaper said that three of the British diplomats had already returned home and a fourth would follow shortly. The other five diplomats allegedly involved with the spy are due to complete their tours of duty within the next three months.

The Foreign Office has maintained that the Russian action was unjustified and that no evidence had been produced proving British involvement. However, *Argumenty i Fakty* said the reason the authorities were not willing to release more information about the affair was the embarrassment for the Russian Foreign Ministry.

"The reason for concealing the name of the British spy is clear now," the paper said. "We managed to find out that his father is an ambassador in a European country and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to have him back in Moscow before the scandal continues."

Despite the row, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is to lead a delegation of senior executives from top British companies operating in Russia on a two-week trade visit to Moscow and St Petersburg starting next week.

Members of the delegation will meet Russian ministers and representatives of British and Russian companies.

Mr Lang's visit will be the first at his level for four years. He will chair a meeting which will look at ways of boosting trade and investment, and will sign co-operation agreements in the nuclear and science industries.

Mr Lang's visit confirms Britain's interest in putting the spy row to one side. He said Russia was well on the way to becoming a market economy and British business had much to offer.



Lang hopes to boost trade with Russia



Suzan Schlegelmich receives the Légion d'honneur from General Hugues Geoffrey at her home outside Paris and, right, during the war in North Africa



## France fêtes wartime heroine from Britain

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A BRITISH woman who joined the French Foreign Legion in 1940 and played a key role in one of the most important battles of the Second World War has been awarded the coveted Légion d'honneur.

Suzan Schlegelmich (née Travers), now 86, was presented with the award at her home outside Paris this week by General Hugues Geoffrey, her former comrade-in-arms, who applauded her bravery.

In May 1942, Suzan Travers was just 33 when she found

herself at Bir Hakeim in the Libyan desert, the sole woman among 5,000 French troops besieged by Rommel's Afrika Korps and the Italian Army. A few months earlier she had been made the driver for General Marie Pierre Koenig, the charismatic leader of the Free French forces, who had given orders to his men to make a stand at Bir Hakeim to impede the German advance and give the British time to regroup.

Outnumbered, out-gunned and weak from thirst, the

French clung on for two weeks under intense bombardment until June 10, when the order was given to retreat.

Miss Travers, as she is still affectionately known, was at the wheel when General Koenig's vehicle led the ragged French column to safety through a minefield and enemy fire.

"It was very exciting," she said yesterday as she recalled the battle from her home in Savigny-sur-Orge, near Paris.

Born in Folkestone, the daughter of an officer in the Royal Navy, Miss Travers was in France when war broke out. She signed up with the 13th demi-brigade of the French Foreign Legion and was promptly dispatched to Africa. When General Koenig's driver was killed in action, she was drafted in as a replacement.

As the Germans and Italians advanced on Bir Hakeim, the general's female chauffeur

was sent to a camp away from the front line. No sooner had she rejoined the main French force after reports that the attack was over, than the enemy barrage resumed. "We were surrounded, this time for good. The bombardment went on and on. It was rather alarming," she said.

"With us she was better guarded by the legionnaires than a young girl in a convent," General Geoffrey said after the award ceremony this week.

On the moonless night of June 10, the French forces broke out. "Three Bren carriers went first, then me, driving the general's car, but they led us into the minefield by mistake. The carriers blew up," Mme Schlegelmich said. "Then we found the right way. We could see the tracer fire ahead and the general said, 'Drive as fast as you can' through the cross-fire. Some were hit, some were not," she

recalled. The Ford driven by Miss Travers was peppered with bullet holes, but both General Koenig and his chauffeur successfully made it through and the surviving British forces rejoined the British Eighth Army.

Bir Hakeim is celebrated in France as a legendary display of the Foreign Legion's tenacity. The battle sapped German strength and paved the way for the Allied victory at El Alamein.

Miss Travers became Mme Schlegelmich when she married a fellow Foreign Legionnaire after the war. She left the army in 1947 to bring up two children in France. A fellow soldier recalled the slight Englishwoman's sang-froid under fire and remarked: "Suzan, cest un vrai mec" — which perhaps best translates as "Suzan was one of the lads," the highest compliment a grizzled French legionnaire can bestow.

## Increase in risk for smokers

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

THE risk of premature death due to smoking is greater than previously estimated, according to the World Health Organisation. The number of smoking-related deaths is expected to triple in the next 30 years from its level of about three million a year.

In the first worldwide study of tobacco use and its health effects, released yesterday, the WHO says that about half the regular smokers who started their habit in adolescence will die prematurely, about a quarter of them in middle age. It estimates that 42 per cent of cancer deaths among men, and 10 per cent among

women in wealthy countries, are due to smoking.

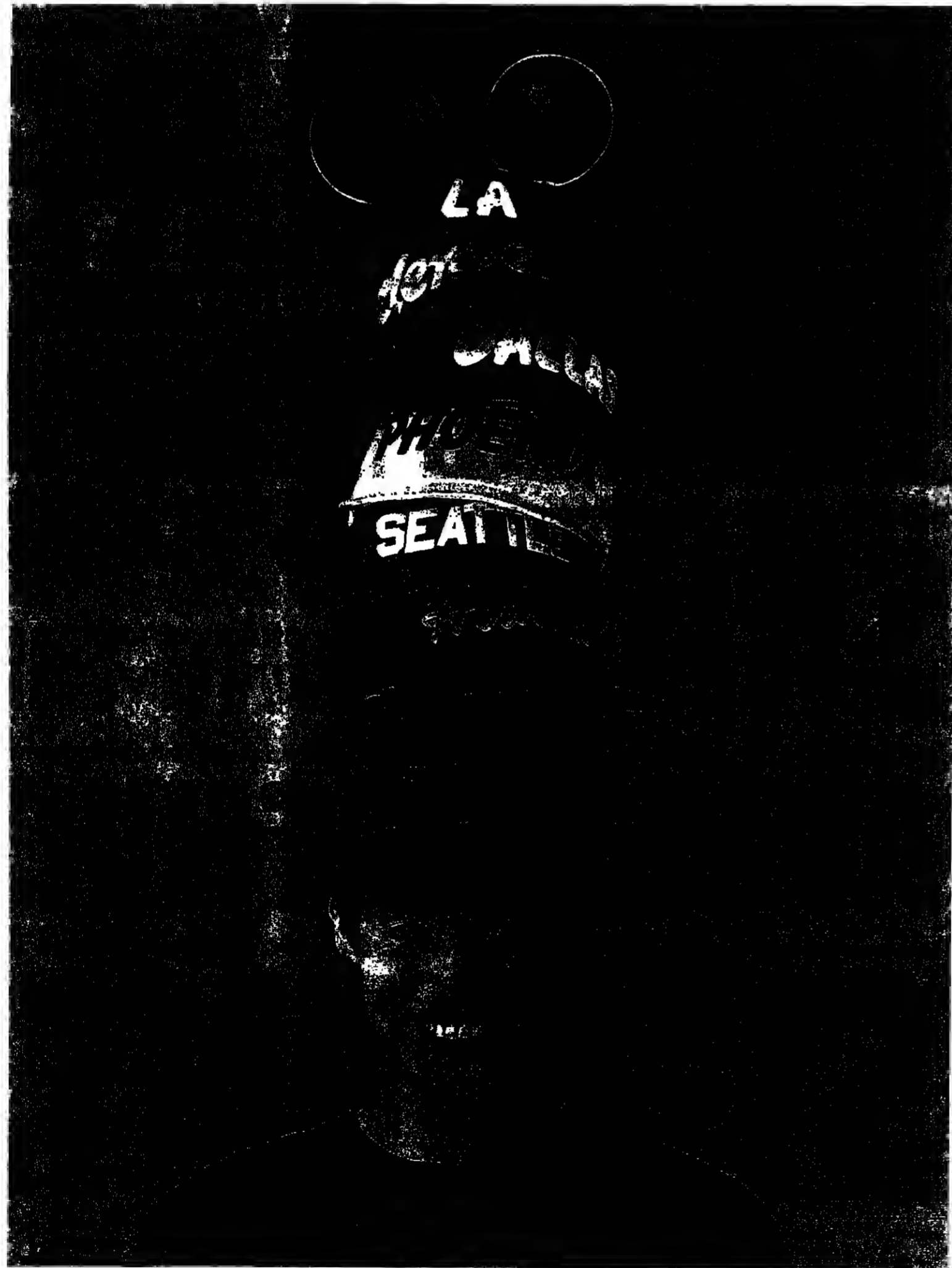
"Nobody is standing on street corners selling handy shirt-pocket-sized packages of the Aids virus, yet that is exactly the problem that we face when we deal with the tobacco industry," said Nigel Collishaw, one of the authors.

The WHO said it was concerned about booming tobacco sales in developing countries, and the growing number of women who have taken to smoking. There are fewer smokers in wealthy countries but, at more than one packet a day, they tend to smoke more than their coun-

terparts in poorer nations. Britain ranks thirteenth in the world for overall cigarette consumption, with 89 billion cigarettes smoked every year. China tops the list with 1,600 billion.

Although public health campaigns have limited smoking in more developed countries, Mr Collishaw said they would never be able to match the financial resources of tobacco companies.

The health agency also wants to step up protection for children and has called for measures, including aid for countries which depend on tobacco production.



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Russia's hard-hitting liberal champion gambles on Yeltsin's need for support in presidential poll

Yavlinsky fights to keep reform on track

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

GRIGORI YAVLINSKY held up his two fists and brought them together with a crunch. "That is what Russian politics is like," the former middle-weight boxer and presidential hopeful said.

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Yeltsin's administration. "My job is to steer the country back on course."

Despite the gloomy predictions of the pundits and the sense of defeat among democrats, there is no sign of worry on Mr Yavlinsky's boyish features and even a flicker of confidence that the story of Russia's path to democracy may yet have a happy ending.

Russia is moving towards an oligarchy, with the state criminalised

As the last legitimate democratic leader in Russia, trailing behind President Yeltsin and Gennadi Zyuganov, his Communist challenger, Mr Yavlinsky is able to laugh at the thought that his presidential hopes lie somewhere between the interlocking knuckles of his fists. Five years after democratic fever swept Russia, Mr Yavlinsky and his dwindling band of free marketeers, intellectuals and human rights activists are fighting a rearguard action to keep the spirit of reform alive.

the most influential economists in the country, serving Mikhail Gorbachev and President Yeltsin before launching his own political career three years ago.

Last week the liberal leader took one of his biggest gambles when he presented President Yeltsin with a letter containing a list of demands intended to force the Kremlin back onto the road to reform.

The document called for the dismissal of key Cabinet members, including Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister,



Yavlinsky hopes his letter may deflect President Yeltsin from considering a compromise with the Communists

ister, and General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister. It demanded that the war in Chechnya be halted through peace talks. And it set out basic reforms needed to liberalise the economy and help small businesses.

"I was concerned by the very real danger that Yeltsin may consider some sort of compromise with the Communists," Mr Yavlinsky said. "I felt I had a duty to present to him the minimum requirements of the democratic side."

Although there is no chance of President Yeltsin agreeing to the demands by tomorrow's deadline, the Kremlin leader was careful not to reject the document. Within days of

publication, he announced that he was considering a shake-up in his Government, that Mr Yavlinsky's policies could be incorporated in his platform, and that the war in Chechnya had to be resolved peacefully.

Although the two men will not commit themselves at this stage, it is clear that they are playing out the opening steps of an elaborate courtship which may blossom later into a happy union. If, as is thought likely, no candidate wins 50 per cent of the votes in the first round of the presidential elections on June 16, the two leading candidates will go into a run-off poll.

will be in a strong position to offer his public backing to President Yeltsin, and the support of his millions of voters, who are now estimated to form about 10 per cent of the electorate.

If the Russian leader accepts the demands set out in last week's letter, he could have a charismatic, youthful and popular running mate to help him to complete the final stretch of the race.

As for Mr Yavlinsky, although coy about admitting it, he is positioning himself to become Russia's next Prime Minister and the country's President-in-waiting.

At that point, Mr Yavlinsky

Minister dies in flat fight

Moscow: Anatoli Stepanov, the Russian Deputy Justice Minister, was killed in his flat yesterday after a fight with an acquaintance, police said. Tass said Mr Stepanov, 55, married with two children, died from head injuries after he was hit with a blunt object. It quoted police as saying that he had gone home on Wednesday with an acquaintance and the pair had had a fight. The identity of the acquaintance and his relationship to Mr Stepanov was not released. (AFP)

Sharp wit helps to win points for democracy

BY RICHARD BEESTON

MAN IN THE NEWS

An economist by training and a democrat by conviction, Grigori Yavlinsky, the liberal presidential hopeful, represents the last hope for Russia's besieged reform movement.

Currently running third in opinion polls behind President Yeltsin and Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, Mr Yavlinsky is admired for his sharp mind, quick wit and his campaigning skills, which appeal as much to intellectuals as working-class Russians.

In addition, he has been hailed by human rights activists for his strong and consistent denunciation of the war in Chechnya. However, he is also mistrusted by democrats who blame his driving ambition and arrogance for thwarting attempts at unifying the divided liberal camp.

Mr Yavlinsky, 44, first came to prominence at the height of Mikhail Gorbachev's era as leader, when he co-authored a bold plan to transform the country's crippled economy from Communist control to Western-style free market in under two years. The document, known as the "500-Day Plan", was at first accepted by the Kremlin, but later watered down by Mr Gorbachev, who considered it too fast and too radical.

Mr Yavlinsky has claimed ever since that the failure to commit the former Soviet Union to radical reform led to the coup of 1991, Mr Gorbachev's removal from power and the confused approach to market reform undertaken by President Yeltsin. Although critics contend

that Mr Yavlinsky is long on talk and advice but has no proven track record in office, he counters that his blueprint for reform was tried out and succeeded in the booming Volga city of Nizhny Novgorod.

Mr Yavlinsky's position as the last champion of democratic principles in Russian politics and his popularity in the West, where he is regularly praised by newspapers and politicians, belie his humble origins.

He dropped out of school as a teenager in Lvov and began work as an electrician in a local factory, where he also made a name for himself as the regional middleweight boxing champion.

He came to Moscow in 1973 after being admitted to study economics at the respected Plekhanov Institute. From there his career took off, and by the mid-1980s he had served in a succession of key government posts where he advised on economic reform. In 1993 he formed the liberal Yabloko party and entered the Duma, the lower house of parliament, where today his faction is the fourth largest in the assembly.

Mr Yavlinsky's achievements are all the more remarkable given that he is of Jewish parentage. Extremist Russian politicians have repeatedly attempted to use this fact against him by appealing to the deep-seated anti-Semitism existing in many parts of Russian society.

Kremlin pins electoral hopes on talks with Chechen leader

BY THOMAS DE WAAL IN GROZNY AND RICHARD BEESTON

PRESIDENT Yeltsin took the first concrete step yesterday to end 17 months of fighting in Chechnya, when the Kremlin said he was hosting face-to-face talks with a Chechen separatist delegation led by Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the new rebel leader.

In a move that could greatly improve the Russian leader's electoral chances in next month's presidential polls, the Kremlin confirmed that Mr Yeltsin had guaranteed the safety of the Chechen delegation for the duration of the talks in the next few days.

"The talks are meant to stop the fighting and reach a peaceful solution," said Tim Guldemann, the head of the

Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe's mission in Grozny. His team will accompany the Chechens to ensure their safety.

Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen rebels' chief of staff, said the meeting would take place on Monday and that he was hopeful of a settlement to end the war. An estimated 40,000 people have died in the conflict so far. The latest initiative stands the best chance of success since the talks for the first time directly involve President Yeltsin.

A peace accord to end the fighting and bring Russian troops home would be a big electoral boost to his campaign, which appears to be

outstripping the main challenge from Gennadi Zyuganov, his Communist rival.

Experts believe the Russian leader has only been able to act after the death of Dzhokhar Dudayev, the former Chechen rebel leader, who was killed in an air raid, and yesterday's reported defeat of the last Chechen guerrilla stronghold at Bamut.

While the talks could lead to a ceasefire and demilitarisation of the territory, the thornier issue of sovereignty could take a long time to resolve. The Chechens have demanded full independence, while Moscow has so far only offered autonomy within the Russian Federation.

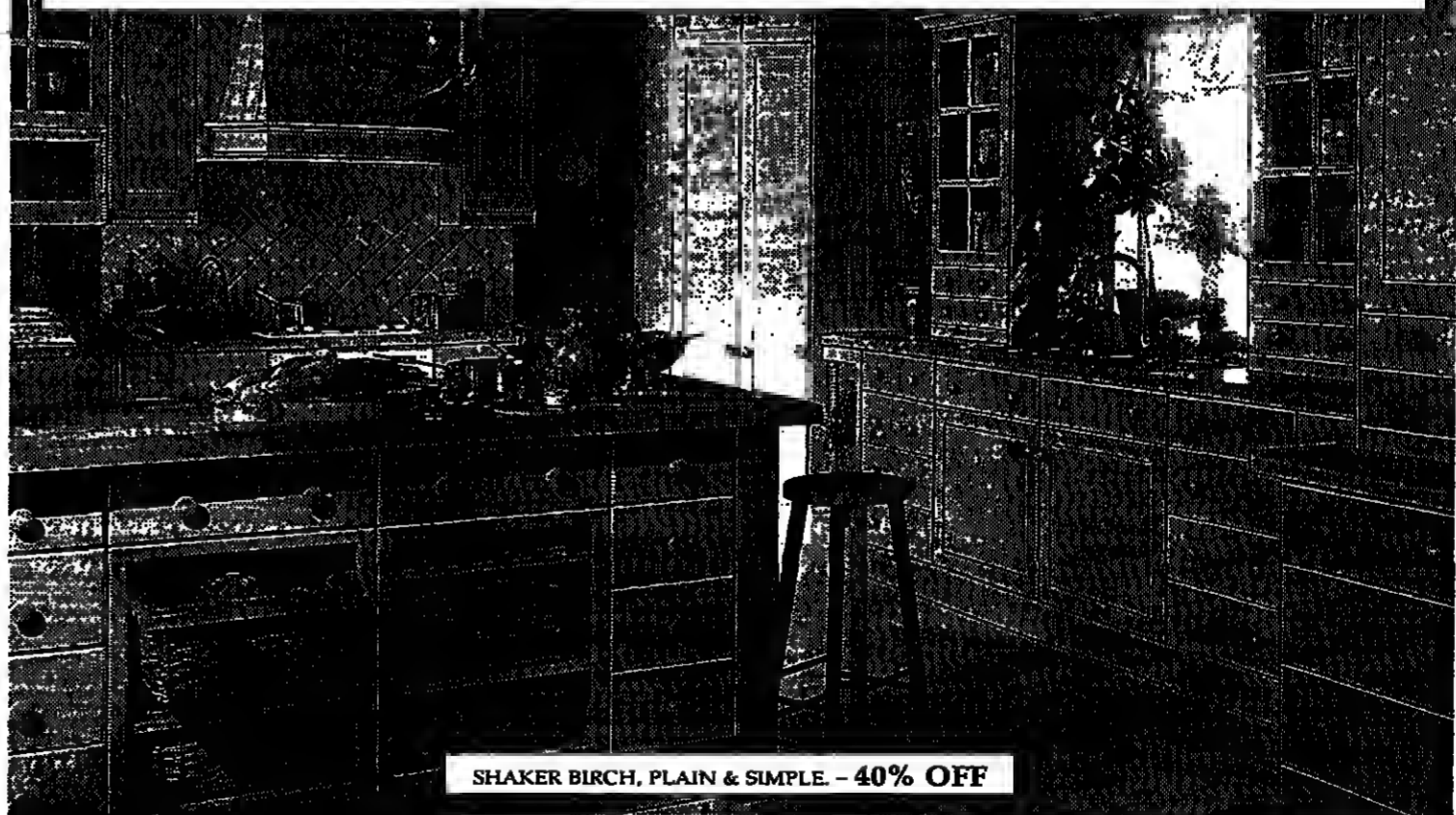
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Alice Thomas Ellis will be unhappy. The new Archbishop of Liverpool is a Catholic of the ecumenical school

# The journey from Rome to Liverpool

Alice Thomas Ellis, the Roman Catholic novelist, may weep into her metaphorical nun's scapular, but the new Archbishop of Liverpool offers no balm to her troubled soul, other than his air of sweet benevolence. When asked who she would like Liverpool's next archbishop to be, she wrote, "I respond that a Catholic would be nice."

The Catholic Bishop Patrick Kelly of Salford, on whom the Pope will place the pallium or woollen collar on June 29, is a smallish man of 57, jovial and approachable, who speaks in the accent of his native Lancashire. Our picture shows him in mitre and cope, but these are only for the picture. "The last time I wore this," he says, struggling with a Velcro fastening, "was for the visit of the Patriarch last winter."

He is a humble and unpretentious man, of simple tastes, few possessions and no pomp. By contrast, his salubrious tiled cottage, the glorious Wardley Hall, which he occupies with a small staff and a dog named Ben, is a Tudor manor house with courtyard, wooded parkland, its own chapel, Chippendale chairs, and oak paneling kept polished under the eye of a housekeeper nun and a reverend steward. In a glass case on the staircase reposes the skull of Saint Ambrose Barlow, born Manchester 1835, canonised 1970, a Benedictine monk, arrested while celebrating Mass on Easter Sunday 1641 and condemned to be hanged, drawn and quartered, for popery.

Bishop Kelly is no martyr, but he does accede to his new job under a cloud of schism, thanks to Ms Thomas Ellis's savage indictment, in the *Catholic Herald*, of his predecessor the late Archbishop Derek Worlock, and her warning that Liverpool's Catholic congregation would continue to plummet if his successor were cut from the same cloth. Alas for her and her fellow traditionalists, Bishop Kelly a devout ecumenical, theologically in tune with his predecessor and with the reforming Second Vatican Council — and also very much a popular choice.

When he meets the Pope they converse in English and Italian: Bishop Kelly studied for nine years in Rome. His years at the Gregorian University ("intellectually stimulating and enormously nourishing") were the years of Pope John

XXIII and Vatican II "which helps to explain who I am". So although the first Mass he ever celebrated was in Latin, he has implemented the guidelines of Vatican II all his working life.

He was a cradle Catholic. His father, a dentist, was from Donegal, his mother an Anglican from Morecambe. They married late; Patrick, born when his mother was 38, was the first of four. "Our grandmother went to Dublin only when her three sons qualified in medicine. She told them she was very proud of them, but would be even more proud if told they had been good to the poor."

The boy Patrick found his vocation early, visiting the poor and the sick. During Lent in his A-level year, he attended Mass every morning at 6.45 before travelling 25 miles to school... At just 17, he was in Rome.

"All our lectures, written work and examinations were in Latin. Latin was a living language to me." He still winces if he hears musical settings of the Mass which suggest that the author did not know the Latin meaning.

Yet he does not regret the Latin Mass. "I do think it is good that when Roman Catholics from different countries come together they can sing parts of the Mass together — *Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Pater noster*. A lingua franca in places like Lourdes gives the sense of unity and diversity. But to say that everybody used to join in the Latin Mass is a false memory."

He concedes that on a pilgrimage to Walsingham, a Latin Mass "works wonderfully". "But I cannot imagine what it sounds like to those for whom Latin is not a living language."

Perhaps it has value as something mysterious?

"Yes, but one must locate the mystery in the right place. Throughout the New Testament, whenever the word mystery occurs it means the revelation of God's plan, not hiding it."



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When he went to teach ordinands in Birmingham in 1966 he spent 18 years introducing young men to study of liturgy. "But if you are preparing others for ordination you can never run away from the questions: What is the Church? What must the Church be?"

"The Times calls me 'a conservative liberal'. But that is what Catholic means, in its deepest sense."

On the eve of this week's announcement of his appointment by the Papal Nuncio, the bishop was at Opera North's *Morriage of Figaro* in Manchester. His constituency is Manchester, but the Ecclesiastical Titles Act obliges the Catholic Bishop to be titled Salford: "When my predecessor met Prince Philip, he explained that Manchester and Salford were like Budapest: two cities divided by a river. The next time he met the Prince, he was greeted with, 'Ah! the Bishop of Budapest.'"

While his cathedral at Salford is a traditional Victorian ecclesiastical building, his new base will be the Metropolitan Cathedral which, as the Liverpool-born Ms Thomas Ellis writes, leaves her "baffled as to how a religion which had inspired the building of Chartres could also have led to the committing of Liverpool Cathedral".

"*De gustibus non disputandum*," replies the bishop equably, explaining that the 1960s cathedral had to be built speedily, in a design that would not be comparable with the Anglican Cathedral "in a city where there could be division".

Alice may prefer the whiff of incense, an air of bushed sanctity, but the bishop declares that profound reverence is possible anywhere, "even in modern buildings, or places that are little more than temporary huts."

He will not accept that there is widespread anti-ecumenical feeling among Catholics. As a young curate in Lancaster, he was involved in the first joint ecumenical service in the city. "My memory is

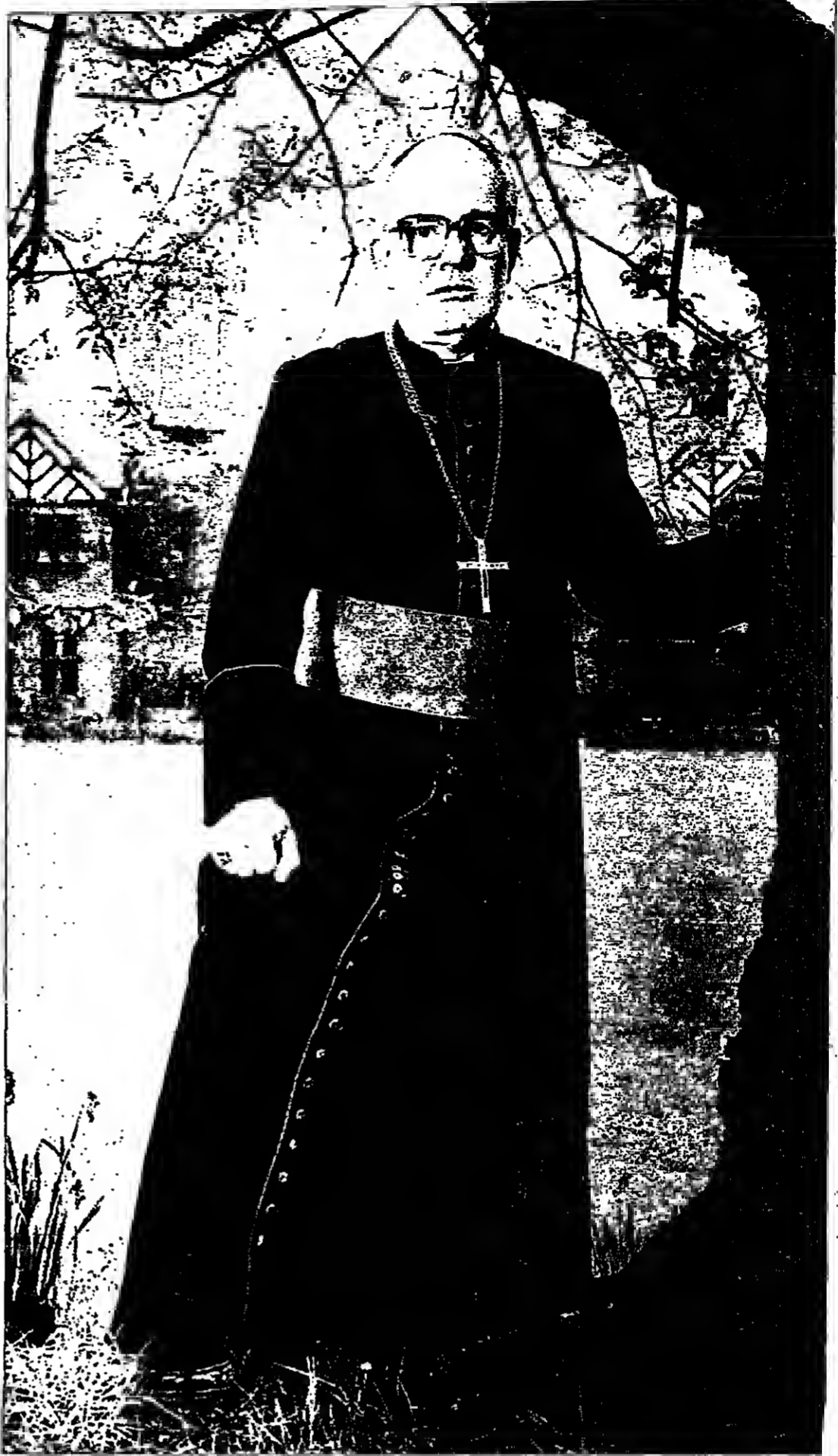
that people were in tears of joy. I think it's important to tell young people of precious moments like that. This was a complex journey, and here was a clear sign that it was right to take it. I never had any doubt, myself — half my relatives were Anglicans." He shows me a congratulatory fax from Rome, encouraging him to continue overcoming the entrenched sectarianism of the past.

What about the dwindling Liverpool congregations, which Ms Thomas Ellis ascribes to the laxity, confusion, compromise and heresy of the modern Church? "Falling attendance has been on the agenda at every meeting of priests in this diocese for years. It is not an experience reserved for Liverpool. But nobody has produced a magic wand to solve it, nor any clarity about what the causes are."

"Two Sundays ago we had a celebration at Salford for handicapped children, and the Cathedral was heaving with young. And there will be several hundred young people on our pilgrimage to Lourdes. Praying, singing."

Ultimately, he points out, a bishop must distinguish between what is essential, eternal and important to faith, and what is of only temporary concern. "All parents go through the sentiment, 'I didn't do this when I was a child'. Does that mean my children should not do it? A bishop has to ensure there is a perspective, to have antennae twitching, and to remember they were saying the same thing 1,000 years ago."

"I find that whenever I am alerted to serious contemporary issues," he says, "I come back to what Cardinal Hume says: 'If I say things must change, it means I must change.' Each one of us must review seriously and constantly our attentiveness to living out the word of the Lord. I don't think our problems are going to be solved by strategy." He quotes a passage written by one of his mentors in Rome, Father Bernard Lonergan, SJ: a searching analysis of decline in society (egoism being the source of decline; self-sacrificing love the means of redemption) including the phrase "a civilisation in decline digs its own grave with relentless consistency". With that alone, Alice Thomas Ellis might concur.



Patrick Kelly, the new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool: "I last wore this for the Patriarch's visit"

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# What comes first... home or the office?

Kathryn Knight on how we separate work and family life

Most of us make personal calls from the office, sneakily using work time to pay bills and book holidays. At home, we spend evenings griping about work while filling in our work-related planners.

The boundaries between our private and working lives have become increasingly blurred, despite our best attempts to keep the two apart. What we don't realise is that the way we dress, our wallets, hunchboxes, even the way we say "hello" reveal much about our priorities.

Do you keep your work and home keys on the same chain? Do you list your friends and work contacts in the same Filofax? According to the American



Reassuring calls home

sociologist Christena Nippert-Eng, such seemingly inconsequential details are surprisingly revealing.

In *Home and Work, Negotiating Boundaries through Everyday Life*, she shows how our insecurities are revealed through the minutiae of our daily lives. According to her, people are either "integrators" or "segmentists", one type scattering their desks with family photos, the other having separate wardrobes for home and office.

The idea of boundaries first struck Ms Nippert-Eng when she was commuting to a university course seven years ago. "On the train were all these people performing an amazing, orchestrated dance at exactly the same time each day," she says. "Someone would get on, throw their briefcase in the rack, fold their trenchcoat seven times and start chewing the top of their polystyrene coffee cup. That was how they signified their entry into the working day." At around the same time, she first visited the house of her future parents-in-law. Having grown up in a house full of the paraphernalia of teachers, cluttered with books, papers and images of work, she was unprepared for the work-free environment of her in-laws' home.

"It was impossible to tell what they did for a living - nothing from their work life crossed over into the home," she says.

Our insecure nature means we need to construct boundaries, but we find it hard to control them. Most people, says Ms Nippert-Eng, become very tense if they are not allowed their routine, but rarely examine

their own habits to see why they need them.

A friend of mine, a real segmentist, refuses to take a personal phone call at home until she has changed from her office clothes into her "leisure wear". Only then does she allow her evening to begin. "Changing outfits is her way of forcing herself into an out-of-work mode," explains Ms Nippert-Eng.

Most people she interviewed said their dress affected the way they viewed themselves. Grey suits and flat heels with a carefully made-up face was their office persona. Jogging suits and no make-up was the relaxed version of themselves.

For segmentists, a tiny costume change may be enough to signify the boundary between working and leisure time. Some kick off their shoes in the car, for instance, or loosen their tie on the train home.

Most of us feel the need to reassure ourselves, while at work, that there are other things we care about - hence the family snapshot on the desk or, in the absence of a family, the photograph of a pet. Making personal calls is another way of defiantly showing others - or reassuring yourself - that you really do have another life.

The wallet and address book are also symbolic minefields. Do you load your wallet with personal bric-a-brac? You could be trying to comfort yourself. Are your work and personal numbers in separate address books? You must be a segmentist.

We use our hellos and goodbyes to give out stern social signals to our family and colleagues. "When you say 'goodbye hokey' in the morning, you are saying that you are entering into a different mindset," says Ms Nippert-Eng. "Likewise, when you say hello to your colleagues in the office, subconsciously you are saying to them, 'Right, here we are, let's pick up from where we left off.'"

What about the ultimate in crossing boundaries - having a relationship with someone from the office? If you are a natural segmentist, you may have problems with this one. If not, "It can be a best-case scenario. Instead of struggling to reconcile two lifestyles, you can get them beautifully interrelated."

So are we better balanced if we discard the office with our overcoat when we get in at night? Ms Nippert-Eng is undecided. "Most of us find it hard to divide our lives in such an extreme fashion, and use trivial things to keep ourselves oriented."

But next time you phone your mother from the office, just think what it really means.

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# The Russians are coming



Neither red nor dead: Russian models are already a common sight on the catwalks of Paris and Milan

Glossy magazines, top models and high fashion are gripping Moscow - to the dismay of the old guard, says Richard Beeston

When Emmanuel Ungaro arrived in Moscow recently to launch his latest collection and announce the opening of his first boutique in the Russian capital, he likened the city to an exotic woman he wanted to seduce.

Watching the towering Russian models displaying his autumn collection to an enthusiastic audience in the grand Hall of Columns - once reserved for the lying-in-state of Soviet leaders - it was easy to see why he was so enamoured. But, as the diminutive French couturier cannot have failed to notice during his brief stay, Russia may be receptive to his charms, but he is by no means the only suitor in town.

The country - and particularly Moscow - is in the grip of a fashion mania with designer clothes shops mushrooming across the city centre, models elevated to the status once reserved for Soviet sporting heroes and Western glossy magazines competing for space on newspaper stands.

In the past two years *Cosmopolitan*, *Harper's Bazaar* and most recently *Elle* have launched successful Russian editions with *Vogue* and *Marie-Claire* also eyeing the lucrative and still untapped market.

The new generation of Russian women, especially from 20 to 35, is ready to accept international standards in fashion, health, beauty and life in general," says Yelena Yudina, *Elle's* Editor-in-Chief. "They are sophisticated enough, clever enough and beautiful enough to be at the same level in fashion as everybody in the world."

Russian girls are already a common sight on the catwalks of Paris and Milan and two models - Irina Pantayeva from Siberia and Christina Pirova from the Caucasus - are well on the way to achieving supermodel status.

The obsession with fashion is by no means confined to young women. Last year during the run-up to the parliamentary elections, the Our Home is Russia party, headed by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the stolid Prime Minister, brought Claudia Schiffer, the German supermodel, to Moscow to enliven his lacklustre campaign.

In the present presidential race, none of the candidates can afford to look like the grey-faced, grey-suited leaders of the past. Typically the candidates have already been upstaged by Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, the ultra-nationalist firebrand, who insists on wearing only designer clothes made by Slava Zaitsev, Russia's best-known couturier, and favours in particular a crimson tunic with gold buttons.

"Looking back I think we have Raisa Gorbachev to thank for what is happening today," says Tatyana

Koltsova, the head of Red Stars, Russia's best-known model agency. "She was the first one who was not afraid to look stylish and she inspired a whole generation of women. There will be no going back."

However, as with so many of the Gorbachev reforms, the tide may be turning. A new counter-revolution against fashion is in progress. Among older Russians it is common to hear criticism that the new generation is being sold "vulgar and soulless" Western culture that demeans women.

"Rather than portraying women's realistic role in society - as professionals, mothers or partners - the press exploits women, treating them as goods to be sold," says Alayana Fedulova, the head of the Russian Union of Women.

In particular, there has been an outcry over the impact of Western glossy magazines on traditional Russian publications such as *Rabotnitsa* (Woman Worker) and *Krestyanka* (Peasant Woman).

The magazines, which extolled the virtues of the Soviet working women and gave tips to housewives on how to get by with limited resources, have seen their circulation dwindle from tens of millions to a few hundred thousand.

"The Russian woman as householder and mother is highly valued, possessing a certain quality of the soul," says Nadzha Zhikhareva, a member of the Russian press committee which was responsible for publishing Soviet women's magazines.

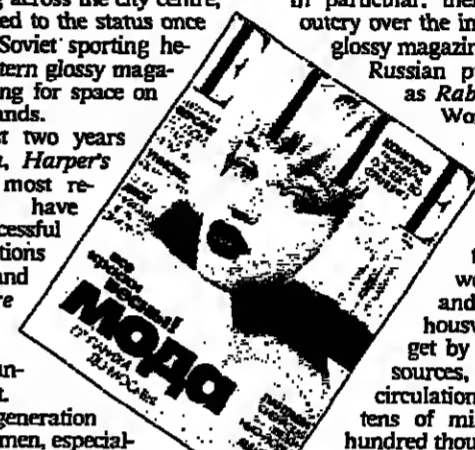
Imported Western fashion magazines now account for some 40 per cent of the market, and she fears that Russian women will lose their real voice.

However, the nostalgia for the bygone days of Soviet life leaves the younger generation cold, particularly when they recall an era of shortages of even the most basic feminine items such as tampons and shampoo.

"I remember it was really hard," says Tatyana Antoshina, a model who grew up near the city of Yekaterinburg in the Urals. "You had to make your own clothes and buy cosmetics on the black market. I don't believe that anyone would want to go back to those days."

Victoria Dronova, her colleague, says it is too late to turn the clock back and that Russian women still never accept their former status.

"Moscow is one of the most exciting places for fashion in the world because it is moving so fast," she says. "I love it here. I would not work anywhere else."



## Quentin Letts on why, in these tearful times, the presidential handkerchief has never been damper

### The crying game

HE IS the widow's friend. President Clinton this week reached into his White House wardrobe and again donned his funeral suit, this time for Admiral Mike Boorda. America's top sailor had committed suicide: there was another family to comfort, more pain to feel.

At the National Cathedral in Washington, Mr Clinton entered arm-in-arm with the grieving Betty Boorda, escorting her gently to her pew. Here was a widow shocked not only by the loss of her husband, but also by the manner of his passing. Bill Clinton was there for her. The most powerful man in the world found time to visit the

Boorda family at home, listening to Betty's memories of her darling Mike and squeezing her hand when it all became too much and the shoulders started to shake, the tears started to flow.

When it comes to tugging tears ducts, Bill Clinton is hard to beat. It would not do in Britain, where we like our leaders to defy misfortune with a stare, but in America these days a good open weep will get you places - such as the White House.

Things have changed since 1972 when Ed Muskie's presidential aspirations died after he wept in defence of his wife. People then did not trust a politician who blubbed. But

for Bill Clinton in the 1990s, tears equal votes.

The routine begins with a jut of the Clinton chin and an upward tilt of the head. The jaw muscles twitch and the voice goes all James Stewart quavery. Southern, with pauses so long that you wonder if he is strong enough to proceed. The microphone picks up the wet smack of his mouth, the bulbous nose reddens and the eyes start to look misty like Dartmoor on a damp night.

Last month's prolonged obsequies for the late US Commerce Secretary, Ron Brown, gave the President numerous memorial addresses to deliver, many of them televised



So high supreme: Bill Clinton

live. His poll ratings shot upwards, as they did after the inebriated "shalom bever" tribute to Yitzhak Rabin last autumn. At an Oklahoma bomb commemoration, Mr Clinton slowly thanked the

good people of Oklahoma for giving him a lesson in grief and a woman blew her nose into her hanky. Little Alma McCaskell, a relation of one who died, approached the President and was given a dewy-eyed hug.

It seems to be contagious. Marlon Brando "broke down and wept" to a rabbi after he had made some mildly silly remarks about Jews in Hollywood. This year's Oscars were the dampest in memory, the Douglas family shedding buckets when old man Kirk accepted a special award, and Paul Sorvino doing a veritable Stan Laurel impression when his daughter Mira won a prize.

Bob Dole, Mr Clinton's electoral rival, had a go at crying last month. He was giving a speech in his home town of Russell, Kansas. At

one point his lower lip started to wobble and his voice gave up on him.

"Got a bit emotional out there for a moment, Mr Senator," observed a supporter after the rally. "Yep!" said Mr Dole, very pleased. But it was not a convincing cry. He will need to do very much better if he is to beat the weeper-in-chief.

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# How we can use beef to beat Kohl

John Redwood sets out a British vision of Europe

The European Union is threatening regulations that will make the Rolls-Royce radiator grille illegal. It has already banned the export of the roast beef of old England, and the sale abroad of prime Scotch sirloin. British fishermen can no longer catch all the cod we need for fish and chips. It is as if the European Union had set out to damage or abolish our national symbols and institutions one by one. It has changed the public mood and united the Conservative Party in anger at these unnecessary meddling. The new "beef war cabinet" should look at all these issues, not just beef.

All this has taught many people a truth about Europe. For years people thought we had joined a Common Market. The growing evidence that others were building a state governed from Brussels was shrugged aside as strange continental idiosyncrasy. Europe was a cause of mirth as it sought the perfect cucumber or the straight banana. Now people realise it is more than that. Europe does have direct and real power over our lives. It can make or break whole industries; it can lose you your job; it has plans to transform the way we are governed by shifting immense power to Frankfurt and Brussels.

What has impressed people most about the beef crisis is how powerless British ministers appear. Beef and the rest of agriculture are primarily controlled from Brussels and not from London. Douglas Hogg is not a plenipotentiary but a supplicant. The industry's future depends on the votes of 15 countries, and has to date been dominated by German intentions to ban our beef. Although people knew we were part of something called the common agricultural policy, which means that we pay more for our food than if we bought in the world market, it has taken the beef crisis to bring home the fact that if we do not like the common policies under the legal system of the Community, there is nothing we can do about it.

The Government's decision this week to refuse to cooperate until the beef issue is resolved in our favour is a welcome development. It shows a wish to stand up for British interests. The ban on gelatin was near to being lifted. The new pressure may bring progress on the general ban, but it is not a lasting solution to the problem of powerlessness felt by ministers and constituents. It may salvage something for the beef industry, but enormous damage will have been done.

British ministers should not sit at the council table in a sullen sulc. Nor should we speak only of beef, important though that is. We must use the new notoriety we have gained by our threat of non-cooperation to articulate a better vision of Europe, to offer our partners a choice, to say there is a different way from that recommended by Chancellor Kohl. Our case should begin with unemployment.

It is no accident that unemployment is so much higher in Europe than in North America or Asia. It is the direct result of EU policies. It is now

being increased by the Maastricht requirements and by the common employment policies of the 14 states that have signed the social chapter. Both France and Germany need faster growth to bring their deficits down. Both are aiming for lower growth through their present policies. Both need far-reaching long-term reform of their welfare systems, not smash-and-grab raids against those least able to afford it. Neither has developed systems of savings for pensions by employers and employees. They need them quickly, otherwise their public spending will be unsustainable into the next century.

It is cruelty to tell people they can earn more than the market wishes to pay them. Offering a minimum wage is fine for some, but for others it means no job. No wonder youth unemployment is so high on the Continent. It is also a grave folly for the EU to believe that it knows best about technology and to worry about where an idea came from — the "not-invented-here" syndrome. It is fast becoming illegal for companies in Britain or elsewhere in the EU to develop certain new technologies, or to use technologies developed elsewhere in the world. This narrow approach destroys jobs, turns away investment and adds to the dole queues.

Having set out our stall for a less regulated Europe, we should argue our case for a Europe of nations. The Government is right to make that the centrepiece of its strategy. The beef crisis shows how far we have deviated from that ideal already in some areas. If we were truly a Europe of nations, Britain would be able to export beef to non-EU countries that wish to buy it. We would be able to protect British cod and the Rolls-Royce grille.

The problem comes from the European Court. There is nothing wrong with a Council of Ministers finding common solutions in common policies, although this should usually be done by majority voting. There is everything wrong with a court that tells us that our laws have to be changed and which demands £30 million of our money to compensate Spanish fishermen who have not plundered our waters, but think on reflection they should have done so.

To create this Europe of nations, the Government should reassert the supremacy of Acts of Parliament over judge-made law from Europe. Then the Government by itself could lift the ban on exporting our beef to non-EU countries. British ministers could return to the council table with more pride in themselves and more power in their pockets. Then they would be negotiating with the voice of public and Parliament at their back. This might prove so attractive that other countries would follow. Loss of our power to impose some directives in another country — which are often ignored, even with a powerful court in place — would be a small price to pay for retaining control over our crucial industries.



# Obscene prohibitions

**W**hat exactly is pornography? I ask, because it seems that there is more talked and written about it than ever, which in my innocent understanding must mean that there is more of the thing. Experts in these matters (I am not one) say that that is not true, and that pornography is waning, because it is old hat and drugs have replaced porn. Still, pornography has certainly not disappeared entirely, as many a newsagents would confirm.

The word is very old indeed; it comes from the Greeks (shame on you, Greece, shame) and our "porn" meant no more (though not less) than a harlot. "Pornography" was the inevitable straight noun, but "pornographer" naturally followed quickly, with "pornographic" and there is a touch of the port-hauteur when we come to "pornocracy". (As for pornography, it must have greyed many a sedate head, when an innocent music-lover put the next record on.)

There is soft porn, and hard porn (I am learning fast); few, including the experts, could be sure where the line is to be drawn. Indeed, I should think that no group of people gathering solemnly to discuss the grave matter of pornography would be able to get half a dozen experts in the matter to agree on anything about it, much less come up with a conclusion.

We must tread carefully here, if only because the law may be sniffling at our heels. The law tried to define pornography in 1959, and made a fool of itself. Such laws invariably do, and are largely ignored.

For the purposes of this Act an article shall be deemed to be obscene if its effect or (where the article comprises two or more distinct items) the effect of any one of its items is, if taken as a whole, such as to tend to deprave and corrupt persons who are likely, having regard to all relevant circumstances, to read, see or hear the matter contained or embodied in it.

That's nothing, I assure you; when they get into their stride, they can do this in less than a week. Proceedings for an offence under this section shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions in any case where the article in question is a moving picture film of a width of not less than sixteen millimetres and the relevant publication or the only other publication which followed or could reason-

**Corrupting or releasing? The laws against pornography are certainly absurd — but I'm glad I don't need it**

ably have been expected to follow from the relevant publication took place or (as the case may be) was to take place in the course of a cinematograph exhibition.

Incidentally, is there anyone left in the drafters' section who can still both read and understand what he is writing? But pornography is much wider than the nonsense that the law lays down and which, sensibly, is entirely ignored. There are, quite obviously, many people who enjoy the sexual thrill of pornography, most blatantly seen in the form of naked and semi-naked beautiful ladies being ogled.

But if I may tread for a moment on somewhat delicate ice, our dear sister *The Sun* never comes out unless there is a beautiful young lady clad in nothing between the top of the edge of her panties and the top of her head. Is *The Sun* therefore a purveyor of pornography? And what about the *News of the World*, which lives in the same stable and eats the same straw? Does the nakedness of the ladies who are found in those papers make them pornographic? Certainly, they are fiercely denounced as such.

**V**ery well; but if you say that both the papers in question are selling pornography you have said that approximately four million people are buying pornography six days a week, and another 4½ million on Sundays. What is more, experts tell us that each copy of *The Sun* and *News of the World* is read by roughly two people. If those newspapers are pornographic, some eight or nine million people in this country are wallowing in pornography, which surely cannot be true. (My own nearest approach to depravity took place when I was innocently travelling in Europe. I was staying in an expensive hotel in Switzerland and at that time I had

never heard of those hotels — very swish ones, too — which include a pornographic section in their television. It was coyly tucked away, with a complicated patch of buttons to bring it out, and the only reason I didn't switch on was that my famous incompetence with machinery made it impossible.)

But what and who gets or gives in the matter of porn? Well, for a start, those poor women who pose for the blurred, cheap, horrible men who lick their lips and peer at what was once a — usually young — woman. But that won't do, for two reasons: the first is, of course, that the women in the pictures are doing it for money, and would probably have none if they didn't participate. The second, is that — and there it is — very substantial evidence for it — many of the girls want to pose in such surroundings.

Now, the argument takes over. Is pornography corrupting or releasing? We have a strange system with our films (well, most of us must think it strange); a man sits down and watches films, not because he is a film-buff but he is the man who tells us which films he may see, or at least tells young people which they may or can be sufficiently degraded that for the worse, after seeing a dirty film? If so, can we be sufficiently elevated by seeing a film which has nothing but purity in it? Try as I may, I cannot see anyone being transformed into a St George by watching a sufficiently soppy film.

There are those who are sure that pornography is truly dangerous; one of these is a greatly committed Indian, Hamdy Shaheen, who argues that adults can do what they like, but children should be guarded from pornography — a reasonable attitude, though I fear that children these days are themselves lusting for pornographic magazines. Mr Shaheen points out that it is illegal for any



Bernard Levin

### Philip Howard



**We like our literature digested — from Don Quixote to Mary Poppins**

Intellectual snobs deplore digests. We should read proper books, such as nannies scold us, not the predigested extracts from and summaries of fashionable books from which *The Reader's Digest* makes its profits. In fact, not all digests are childread, as he/she knows who has toiled through the original *Digest of Roman Law*, compiled for the Emperor Justinian (Forthemoney) by Tribonian and his 16 assistants.

Now high-minded Spaniards are deplored the decision of a publisher to cut out 54 of the 74 chapters of *Don Quixote* because they are boring. Perhaps it is a shame that this latest digest has lost Sancho Panza's term as Governor of Barataria, because it is early *Private Eye* satire of government. And it was hugely influential. What was the name of the Utopian kingdom of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Gondoliers*? Why, Barataria of course. And *Don Quixote*'s muddle-headed fool with frequent lucid intervals fathered a dynasty of English rapscallion heroes. In the hoofprints of Rozinante staggering under the Knight of the Doleful Countenance, Tom Jones tumbles and Mr Pickwick gets into scrapes that are social commentaries as well as funny. Sterne kept *Don Quixote* on his desk, beside the works of Shakespeare, and named his humorous person Yorick. The picaresque novel, in which a lovable picaro or "rogue" proves wiser than the great and the good, flavoured the work of post-realist writers from Joyce to Borges and Nabokov. On the trail behind *Don Quixote* dances a subversive crew of madcaps that includes Huckleberry Finn, Just William and (I would assert) Mary Poppins.

The digest of *Don Quixote* will beguile many to read the unabridged work, just as some readers of *Tabloid* go on to grow-up newspapers. At the Criterion Theatre, the Reduced Shakespeare Company performs the 37 plays of Shakespeare in 97 minutes. It's great fun, and like Ian McKellen's brilliant 1930-ish thriller *Riefarth III*, it throws witty sidelights on the Bard. But "It is a pretty poem, Mr Pope, but you must not call it Homer."

**P**ople have been digesting Shakespeare for centuries, for their own dramatic, political, moral and Bowdlerising reasons. That is how Thomas Bowdler made his name. "Nothing is added to the original text; but those words are omitted which cannot with propriety be read aloud in a family." So Bowdler's *Hamlet* was a slim volume, though not as slim as a later digest: Prince Hamlet thought Uncle a traitor.

For having it off with his Master, Revenge Dad or not? That's the gist of the plot. And he did — nine soliloquies later.

P.L. Travers, who died last month aged 96, so hated what the cinema did to *Mary Poppins* that she left instructions in her will that another film should never be made about the nanny she created. And indeed the film digest *Disneyified* Julie Andrews as Poppins, substituting a little bit of sugar for the starch and quixotic subversiveness of the original. But, it won several Oscars and is still loved by children, some of whom will be drawn on to read the real thing in full. Like all picaresque classics, it is frightening and sad as well as magical and very funny. Mary Poppins continued to regard the four children searchingly. Then, with a long, loud snuff that seemed to indicate that she had made up her mind, she said: "I'll take the position." "For all the world," as Mrs Banks said to her husband later, as though she were doing us a signal honour, "Perhaps she is," said Mr Banks. Part of the timeless attraction of *Mary Poppins* is that she takes the middle-class English back to a vanished (and imaginary) world of pre-war security in the nursery, when there were muffins still for tea (after you had washed your hands).

*The Jungle Book* cartoon is another Disneyfication, though nothing like as successful as *Mary Poppins*. But many children still enjoy it and sing along with its vulgarisation. Some discover the magic and terror of Kipling's hard stuff between hard covers. The classics are big enough to survive digests, distortions and translations into other media. Sometimes the digests become classics in their own version, as had McKellen's *Richard III*. Let digests thrive. They are, the sincerest form of favourable review.

## Batting on

**NORMA MAJOR'S** literary career has been revived by an assiduous Downing Street charlady. Her book on the Prime Minister's country residence Chequers, which appeared to have been abandoned, is back on track after a cleaner discovered essential archive material in the basement of No 10.

A book tour by the First Lady is now planned for the autumn. Dates have been pencilled in only, just in case a general election is called to steal her thunder.

Downing Street is closely protecting the name of the truffling cleaning-lady, who, having struggled through piles of Prime Ministerial clutter, decided the basement could do with a clean-out. Like Carter finding Tutankhamun, but with duster instead of torch, she stumbled on the crucial bundle of papers.

I understand that Norma seized upon the material and sprinted up to telephone the literary agent Andrew Lownie. And so the Chequers project was revived. "Nobody is saying yet what secrets they have discovered," says a source. "But there appears to be evidence that there was once a cricket pitch at Chequers. The Prime Minister is

clearly excited and there is talk of getting the square back into playing condition."

● *Though his fortune has been built on beef, Lord Vestey was for many years a pig man. He kept them in 2,200 square feet of Emsworthian splendour on his Stowell Park estate in Gloucestershire. His passion spent, however, Vestey has chosen to convert the empty pig sties into a craft and business centre. For this, Vestey, who is not*



*the sort who needs to blanch at a drinks bill, is to receive a £28,000 handout from the Rural Development Commission.*

### First class

CLARENCE HOUSE is excited by the news that one of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's favourite clerics is coming home. After 24 years in Manhattan, Canon John Andrew will be driven to the city's JFK airport in the official Rolls-Royce belonging to Sir John Westcott, the British Ambassador to the UN. He will then board Concorde for the flight home, a trip paid for by friends, and from Heathrow he will retire to Bath.

Andrew is leaving St Thomas's, the smart Fifth Avenue Anglican church which has one of the richest congregations in the world, and

which he has run with bombast. At a choir rehearsal once, he shouted to the organist: "What do you think I am, a bloody canary?"

● Liturgically, St Thomas's is high as a kite, but the pews are packed. It will be a duller place without "Father John".

● *Liverpool's Roman Catholics, still reeling from the posthumous attacks on Archbishop Derek Worlock, must brace themselves for more bad news. Their new Archbishop, Patrick Kelly, is a fan of Manchester United. Liverpool's arch-rivals and conquerors in the recent FA Cup Final. Even within Britain's Catholic hierarchy, Mgr Kelly must tread softly. His immediate boss, Cardinal Basil Hume, is a devoted fan of Newcastle United, whom United beat to the Premiership title.*

### Bushy tale

BLUBBING Bill Clinton is embarrassing enough, but for real schmalz, George Bush takes some beating. In a note to the newborn daughter of his friends Susan Molinari and Bill Paxton, Bush writes: "Dear Susan Ruby Paxton [endearingly misspelt], I love you already and I haven't even seen you yet... I am an old guy now, I am older than your granddad... You will



Accidental Anderson and the blithely unaware Queen Noor

have an exciting life ahead, and I will be cheering for you all the way. Love, George Bush.

"P.S. I used to be President of the United States — now I am a happy dad and granddad — that's it. That's the way it should be."



ancing suavely on a wooden balcony at the royal palace. Summoned to the King's presence, he bounced to his feet. "Rrrrrip!" went the seat of his trousers.

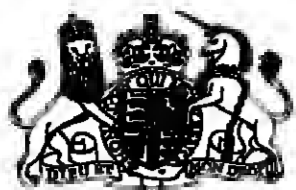
"I didn't have time to inspect the damage," he says of his near-moaning experience. "I had to bow to the King, and the worst was revealed. Luckily I was wearing a sturdy pair of underpants and the only people who saw them peeping through were the British MPs behind me — and I expect they have seen worse." Very unlikely.

### Letting rip

ROBUST underpants were all that saved Bruce Anderson, the substantially-built political pundit, from humiliation in Jordan recently. A few minutes before he was to be presented to King Husain and Queen Noor, "The Brute" was bal-

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 23: The Duke of Edinburgh today visited Greater Manchester and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Colonel John Timmins).

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Heathrow Airport at 11.30 to mark its fiftieth anniversary and the redevelopment of Terminal Two.

Legal appointment

Mr David John Lipman to be a District Judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Today's birthdays

Sir James Anderson, former Chief Constable, Greater Manchester, 64; Mr Stanley Baxter, comedian, 78; the Duke of Bedford, 78; Sir Timothy Bevan, former chairman, Barclays Bank, 69; Mr Keith J. Budge, Headmaster, Loreto School, 39; Lord Campbell of Alloway, 70; Mr Eric Cantona, footballer, 30; Sir Roden Cutler, VC, diplomat, 87; Mr Bob Dylan, singer, 55; Mr Peter Griffiths, MP, 68; Miss Kathleen Hale, author and illustrator, 98; Mr B.L. Hallward, former Vice-Chancellor, Nottingham University, 95; Dame Joan Hammond, opera and concert singer, 84; Mr Robert Harde, Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan, 63; Sir Terence Heiser, civil servant, 64; Sir Derek

eral Assembly of the Church of Scotland, this morning attended a business session of the General Assembly.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 23: The Duke of Gloucester today visited the Norfolk and Norwich and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk (Sir Timothy Colman KC).

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of the Foreign Minister of the Maldives.

Service dinners

HMS Marlborough
Admiral Sir Jeremy and Lady Black, Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Mullen and Vice-Admiral and Mrs J.R. Brigance were among the guests at a dinner held last night at the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Ramillies.



Pat Latham, co-ordinator of volunteers, working on the brickwork of a 16th-century cottage that is being rebuilt brick by brick at the Chiltern Open Air Museum, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

Dinners

Loriners' Company
King Hussein of Jordan, accompanied by Queen Noor, were the guests of honour at a dinner of the Loriners' Company held last night at the Mansion House.

School news

Eton College
The following boys have been elected to King's Scholarships: H.E.F. Smith (Harris Hill), A.H.L. Fisher (Milbourne Lodge), R.M.D.V. Hart (Sandgrove), Britis (Bilston), A.D. Hussain (Kings of the Park), K.E.K.Y. Am (Sunnyside), P.A.H. Thomas (Beechwood Park), F.H.Q. de Wilde (Summerfields), M.T. MacDonagh (Newland House), M.J. Pappentier (Dolphin School), G.W.A. Brown (Cathedral Choir School), Ripon, J.A.E. Moynaux-Webb (Dragon School), M.C. Overton (Halebury Juniors), G.A. St. George's (Windsor and Eton College).

Calls to the Bar

Easter term 1996: Call Day May 23. Lincoln's Inn. H O A Scott, Liversidge, West Yorkshire; A R Marican, Singapore; R A Williams, Wolverhampton; S Finn, Manchester; J O Carroll, London; W.P. J. Mulgrew, Gateshead; L. Figgess, Lytham, Lancashire; R W Newcombe, Barnet, Hertfordshire; Dr C B Seymour, Dundrum, Dublin, an Irish barrister; O P Davies, Radnor, Cardiff, a former solicitor; Miss M Clark, London SW4, a New Zealand barrister.

Memorial service

Brigadier Alastair Pearson
The Queen was represented by Mr Archibald MacKenzie, Vice-Chancellor of Dumbartonshire, at a memorial service for Brigadier Alastair Pearson held yesterday in Glasgow Cathedral.

Reception

Professor Dr Hans Kuang
Sir Sigurd Stenberg and the Revd Dr John Bowden held a reception at the Reform Club yesterday to mark the publication of Yes to a Global Ethic by Professor Dr Hans Kuang.

Latest wills

Mr Paul Clark-Eddington, of London SE1, Paul Eddington, the actor, left estate valued at £237,715 net.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gabriel Daniel Fahrner, inventor of the mercury thermometer, Gdansk, 1686; Jean Paul Marat, revolutionary, Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 1743; Thomas Dunlop, painter, Kinross, Perthshire, 1807; John Henry Foley, sculptor, Dublin, 1819; Kensington Palace, 1819; Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, dramatist, London, 1855; Jan Christiaan Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa 1919-24 and 1933-48; Ribbeck West, Cape Colony, 1870.

Anniversaries

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.C. Aston and Miss A.R. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Philip Charles, son of the Revd and Mrs Glyn Aston, of Gwernevny, Monmouthshire, and Alison Rose, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Rees Thomas, of Croesyceiliog, Torfaen.

Marriages

Mr C.R.P. Bigham and Miss C.J. Worthington
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Michael's, Reading, of Mr Charles Bigham, eldest son of the Hon David and Mrs Bigham, and Miss Claire Worthington, daughter of Colonel and Mrs John Worthington, The Rev Graham Owen and the Rev Richard Crossland officiated.

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WROTCHE - On May 22nd 1996, passed away peacefully at home 82 years old. Buried at Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey on May 23rd 1996.

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OBITUARIES

PATRICK CARGILL

Patrick Cargill, actor and dramatist, died yesterday aged 77. He was born on June 3, 1918.

PATRICK CARGILL was the star of two immensely popular situation comedies of the 1970s, *Father, Dear Father* and *The Many Wives of Patrick*. The first of these elevated Cargill from a familiar-looking character actor whose name no one could ever quite remember to a household hero among harassed fathers of teenage daughters.

Cargill was a light, suave actor, whose impeccable comic talents were not notably stretched by some of the television work he took on. They were seen to better advantage in a production such as the Caryl Brahms and Ned Sherrin adaptation of Feydeau farces, *Ooh La La!*, in the late 1960s. Contrary to the sort of parts he played, Cargill was neither a worn-down father nor an habitual womaniser in real life.

Edward Sydney Patrick Cargill seemed destined from childhood for a very different life. His father was a major in the Indian Army. After his younger brother had died in a boating accident in India, Patrick reluctantly considered himself bound for a military career in order to please his father.

Family tradition had collided with the smell of the greasepaint, and lost. Cargill had grasped every opportunity to appear on stage as a youth, having taken his first role in a school play as Lady Macbeth. He returned to Britain with ten shillings in his pocket. He made his inauspicious professional debut at Bechlin-on-Sea, dressed as Adam in the Garden of Eden wearing nothing but a pair of green lip-leaf swimming trunks. But he was briefly pulled back to the Army and he returned to India, this time as an entertainments officer.

After the war he returned to Britain—and to 15 years in repertory theatre. He maintained that a grounding in the theatre was essential for any actor, even for one who wanted to specialise in film and television. The often hilarious, sometimes dispiriting, slog of long runs, back-to-back performances and crowded dressing rooms made Cargill resilient, brought him many friends in the business and provided him with a fund of amusing anecdotes.

He remembered one particular occasion, when he was appearing in an



Cargill, left, as Patrick Glover with his two screen daughters, played by Natascha Pyne and Ann Holloway, and Jeremy Child as Timothy in *Father, Dear Father*, 1972.

Agatha Christie play, and had to cry: "You mean it's..." before the interval curtain came down. Cargill delivered the cliff-hanging line, stood there pointing his finger, and waited hopefully. The curtain remained stubbornly raised. He repeated the line several times with mounting embarrassment: "You can't mean it." "Do you really mean to say it's..." before eventually shuffling off into the wings, to find the offending stagehand, drunk, and unconscious next to the curtain.

In his youth Cargill was often cast as villains, and he played these with the right degree of silken treachery. Gradually he diversified into comedy. He learnt a good deal about comic timing from his hero, Tony Hancock, and he played the Scottish doctor in Hancock's famous episode *The Blood Donor*. There he uttered the immortal line: "Yes, Mr Hancock, but we're not all Rob Roys."

He began to write his own scripts and plays and staged a comedy set in a sanatorium, co-written with Jack Beale, *Time on Their Hands*, at the Q Theatre in 1954. *Ring for Cathy* (1956), again set in a hospital, was another moderate success at the Lyric. A more recent play, *Don't Misunderstand Me*, which he toured all over Britain in the 1980s, is about to be performed in Paris.

During the 1960s, with middle age looming, Cargill's professional prospects improved markedly. The revue

*High Spirits* at the Hippodrome brought good notices, and he became familiar to television audiences through his performance as a secret agent in *Top Secret*, and via appearances on *The Avengers* and *The Prisoner*. He notched up three-and-a-half years in the successful West End comedy *Boeing-Boeing* at the Apollo, and played Inspector Gluck in the new Beatles film, *Help!* In 1966, while appearing in *Say Who You Are* at Her Majesty's, he was spotted by Charlie Chaplin, and chosen to play the part of Hudson, the gentleman, in a *Countess from Hong Kong*.

In 1967 Cargill had his big break when he was offered the chance of his own television situation comedy on ITV, *Father, Dear Father* was written especially for him and cast Cargill as Patrick Glover, a talented thriller writer, but a hopelessly inept father of two mini-skirted teenage daughters. The show was an enormous popular success, not only in Britain but abroad. Cargill's urbane character became so popular in Australia that he lived for a while in Sydney to make a special and popular version of the series.

The adaptations of the Georges Feydeau farces were first televised in the late 1960s, and repeated many times. Cargill played a different character in each of the one-hour dramas. An excellent supporting cast was gathered around him, which included Judi Dench, Joan Sims, Richard Briers

and Bernard Cribbins. There was an elegance about the plays, and an extravagance of language which took Cargill a long way from the occasional banalities he had to utter in modern situation comedy, and he was grateful for the change of pace.

*Father, Dear Father* ran until 1973. In 1976 Cargill returned to the small screen with *The Many Wives of Patrick*, about a middle-aged playboy who is trying to divorce his sixth wife in order to remarry his first. That show ran until 1980.

Cargill had been one of the inescapable faces of television comedy during the 1970s. In the last decade of his life he returned to his first love, the stage. He starred as Gordon in *Key For Two* at the Vaudeville (1983); Sir Joseph Porter (the ruler of the Queen's Nave) in *HMS Pinapore* at the Queen Elizabeth Hall; and took the title role in *Captain Beaky* at the Playhouse in 1990. Recently he toured with British Airways Playhouse, run by his friend Derek Nimmo.

When he was young, he had shared his home in Sheen with a cat, hamster, monkey, dog and parrot. In 1987 he moved to Henley, and lived with his ward, James Markowski, and a housekeeper. His health had been frail since last December when it was discovered that he had cancer. But he refused to give up hope, and was determined to beat the illness until only a few days ago.

MICHAEL STOBBS

Michael Stobbs, Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and assistant director of research in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy, died from a heart attack on April 26 aged 51. He was born on August 11, 1944.

MICHAEL STOBBS acquired international status as a pioneer of new techniques in electron microscopy. The application of Stobbs's techniques for examining the structure and composition of materials has not only changed the ways in which electron microscopes have been used but has also influenced the way in which modern advanced microscopes are designed.

He was a man who thrived on diversity and the breadth of his work was unparalleled. He led the thinking in a range of widely differing fields of materials science. The key to his extraordinary scope lay in the absolute clarity with which he was able to see thematic links within all areas of his research. Striving to improve the properties of materials, Stobbs initiated an approach to electron microscopy in which the problems he encountered could be solved through the development of new methodologies. Academically and industrially his influence has been far-reaching.

Stobbs was, indeed, much more than an inventor of techniques. His approach allowed him to touch the very heart of a problem—and the solving of complex problems with materials was his abiding passion. He saw no point in developing a useful technique for his own sake, and he put his inventions to immediate practical use. He particularly enjoyed challenging out-moded theories and dogmas.

Many of his papers led to the reappraisal of previously accepted mechanisms, and this initiated a lively and welcome liaison between the academic and the industrial. His sudden death came at a time when he was leading investigations into the understanding of interface controlled properties and transformations.

William Michael Stobbs went up to Cambridge in 1963 where he read Natural Science as an Exhibition Scholar at St John's. Graduation was followed by three years in the Cavendish Laboratories, where he did his PhD, and it was during this time that he determined to pursue a research-based career.

Industry immediately acknowledged his potential and he was made a CEBG Research Fellow—a post which he held jointly with the Goldsmiths Research Fellowship at



Churchill College. In 1970 he became a Staff Fellow at Trinity Hall. He also held the Royal Society Armourers and Brasiers Research Fellowship and in 1977 was appointed as an assistant director of research in the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science under the professorship of Sir Robert Honeycombe (as he now is), who gave him the responsibility of developing research and research-training in the area of transmission electron microscopy.

It was in this capacity that Stobbs was to realise his essential aim in helping post-graduates to become what he felt were "good" scientists. For him this involved the pursuit of truth—about which there could be no compromise. A deep moral passion was the driving force behind all his achievements and endeavours.

He was a kind, optimistic and warm-hearted man who had an unshakable belief in the potential of his students. The number who have gone on to prominent academic or industrial positions is a testament to his innovative thinking and unflinching enthusiasm. Stobbs will be remembered for the way in which he threw himself into projects with the astonishing speed with which he was able to assimilate data. He was always excited by the unexpected course a piece of work might take and drew enormous inner satisfaction from seeing a student develop into a scientist. To many he was a mentor.

Michael Stobbs edited the *Journal of Microscopy* and was made editor of the *Philosophical Magazine* in 1990.

Typically, he did this almost single-handedly and was grateful for the opportunity it gave him to explore new fields. He loved to learn in this way. He was made a Doctor of Science in 1985 and awarded the Rosalind Medal of the Institute of Metals in 1990. Stobbs spent periods working in the United States and Japan but always returned to Cambridge, where he regarded his college, Trinity Hall, as his second home. He never found much satisfaction in lecturing, and yet Trinity Hall was where he committed himself to undergraduates. For nearly twenty years he was director of studies in Natural Sciences and in this capacity he shaped the lives of many undergraduates through his personal teaching and his sensitivity as a tutor.

Stobbs cared deeply about undergraduates' wellbeing and progress. He believed wholeheartedly in the merits of the collegiate system, and for several years played a major role in undergraduate admissions in the sciences.

Michael Stobbs had a distinctive physical appearance, and he dressed as he liked and rarely as convention would have it. He was an immediately recognisable figure in Cambridge as he walked at a considerable pace from department to college, deep in thought. He was a man devoted to his family, of whom he was immensely proud. He derived enormous pleasure from family life and always acknowledged the strength and support that his family gave him.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, whom he married in 1965, and by their two sons.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE

William Lawrence, Chief Constable, South Wales Constabulary, since 1989, died of cancer on May 21 aged 53. He was born on September 21, 1942.

THE longest serving Chief Constable of the South Wales police force, Robert Lawrence successfully led his team through one of the most

difficult periods in his history. A man of great determination, he was involved in tough and tense negotiations with the Home Office in 1993 at the height of a financial crisis when serious underfunding put the efficiency and effectiveness of his force under threat. With his officers working in run-down buildings and driving patrol cars with more than

150,000 miles on the clock, Lawrence gave warning that, unless the Government could provide him with more money, he would have to consider serious manpower cuts. This, he said could result in chaos. Lawrence's ultimate success in gaining the necessary funds was a tribute to his tenacity. In 1993 he attracted consid-

ered press attention when he urged members of the Royal Family to stop visiting South Wales because, in the face of severe budget cuts, he could no longer afford to guard them. Visits from the Prince of Wales, he said, involved diverting funds from other policing projects. William Robert Lawrence was born in Ystradgynlais,

Powys, and educated at Maesdyderwen Grammar School. He began his police career in 1961 when he joined the Mid Wales Constabulary, later to become part of Dyfed-Powys Police. He was promoted to sergeant in 1970, inspector in 1972 and three years later, in 1975, to chief inspector.

In 1978 he was transferred to the West Merca police on promotion to superintendent and, in 1982, was promoted to chief superintendent in the role of divisional commander. A year later he was appointed Assistant Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police, later being promoted once more to the rank of Deputy Chief Constable and subsequently, Acting Chief Constable. He also studied during this time with the Open University and gained a BA in 1988.

On May 1, 1989, Lawrence took over the helm as Chief Constable of the South Wales Constabulary. But he never forgot his roots and carried out his role as a Chief Constable with attentive concern for

the lot of the "bobby on the beat".

A compassionate man and an attentive listener, Lawrence believed that policing was all about people. He was also a challenging conversationalist with an acute memory and a remarkable ability to encompass and understand the finest details. His breadth of vision extended well beyond policing circles.

In 1991 he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal. He also held the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and served as a Brother in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.

He was a vociferous spectator at police rugby matches, a keen fisherman and a supporter of amateur boxing. He was also an enthusiastic golfer and even while recovering from major surgery during his last illness would continue, with typical determination, to play all 18 holes on the course.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen and by a daughter and a son.



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Rifkind warns of long 'beef war'

Malcolm Rifkind warned Europe last night that Britain's campaign of non-co-operation may continue until the autumn unless there is agreement to lift the beef ban.

The Foreign Secretary hardened Britain's position over the beef crisis after John Major held the first meeting of his so-called "war cabinet" to decide tactics in the offensive against the rest of the European Union.

Victim of 'road rage' begged for mercy

A girl who saw her fiancé stabbed to death during a "road rage" attack last Sunday described how she pleaded with the killer not to hurt him.

Fighting Howard

Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, backed by former Tory ministers and other peers, told the Government they would seek to block flagship plans for tougher jail sentences.

Dead seal inquiry

A photograph of three men carrying grey seals, taken shortly before they were found battered to death, was being studied by RSPCA officials.

Gardening hints

Gardeners on the South Coast have been told to concentrate on plants more suited to semi-arid climates.

Hacker's US attack

A teenage hacker in London took control of the computer network at a top US Air Force research laboratory, investigators in Washington said.

Labour's loss

Rumours of a affair between two politicians lost the Labour Party a key London council after a stormy meeting last night.

Editor admonished

The Editor of the Sunday Express acted in an utterly irrational and whimsical fashion when she dismissed a highly regarded male executive, an industrial tribunal chairman said.

Ticket turmoil

Ticket sales for Euro 96 were in turmoil as about 1,000 Wembley seats destined for Dutch supporters were withheld because they were in areas reserved for English fans.

Army veteran jailed

A former soldier developed such a hatred of homosexuals after he was raped by a colleague in the Army that he tried to kill a man who picked him up in a bar, the Old Bailey was told.

Aum gas order

Shoko Asahara, the leader of the Aum Shinrikyo cult, ordered disciples to mass produce nerve gas and test its power in the streets of a town north of Tokyo, prosecutors told a court.

Armed 'democracy'

The Kashmir Valley's first polls in seven years undermined India's promise of a free and fair poll. People were forced out of their homes by soldiers and ordered to vote.

Caught red-handed

A Russian diplomat accused of spying for Britain was reportedly caught red-handed using high-tech communications equipment to pass secrets to British diplomats in Moscow.

French honour Briton's courage

A British woman who joined the French Foreign Legion in 1940 and played a key role in one of the most important Second World War battles has been awarded the coveted Legion d'honneur.



Adam Faith, the actor, with eight-month-old Josh Wells at yesterday's launch of the Heart of Britain fund-raising campaign, which aims to raise £1.5 million for the Royal Brompton Hospital in London. Josh has undergone heart surgery at the hospital.

Economy: Britain's manufacturing industry remains weak, evidence from business shows today after government figures yesterday suggested the sector is set to perform poorly for some time.

Cable: Cable and Wireless said it is in partnership talks with several firms after failed negotiations with British Telecom.

Body Shop: Gordon Roddick, the chairman of Body Shop, and Anita Roddick, its chief executive, have bucked the trend for huge boardroom pay rises.

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 17.2 points to end at 3747.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 84.6 to 84.8 after a rise from \$1.5103 to \$1.5132 and from DM2.3237 to DM2.3311.

Cricket: Chris Lewis took four wickets in 21 balls to leave India struggling at 96 for five in pursuit of England's 291 for eight in the first Test.

Football: England beat China 3-0 in Peking. Two goals by Nick Barmby and a third by Paul Gascoigne were apt reward for their professionalism.

Rugby union: English rugby should know where it stands after today's meeting of the full committee to discuss the direction of the professional game.

Racing: One of the most remarkable chapters in British racing this century draws to a close next month when Lord Hartington relinquishes the helm.

Musical departure: David Leveaux, better known as Harold Pinter's favourite director, turns his theatrical talents on a new production of Salome for English National Opera.

Theatrical nights: The prolific playwright Peter Whelan scores again with The Herbal Bed, while the Maly Drama Theatre Company from St Petersburg is not to be missed in Nottingham.

Blues man: Keb' Mo', one of the fastest rising blues stars, brings his guitar to the London Blues Festival this weekend.

Pop albums: Violent images and a shuffling hip-hop beat from the gangsta rapper Ice T; seedy glamour from Peter Perret; the man touched by a frail genius.

Valerie Grove interviews "an unpretentious man of simple tastes", Bishop Patrick Kelly of Salford, who will be installed at the end of next month as the new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool.

Russian dress sense: Designer-clothes shops are mushrooming all over Moscow and fashion models are now enjoying the status once accorded only to Russian athletes.

Integrator or segmentist? Kathryn Knight looks at why some people's boundaries between work and leisure are becoming increasingly hard to define.

No intruders: Good security for schools is now vital. Last week's government report on making them safer is now under discussion.

Marked by war: The restoration of university education in Bosnia is being aided by a British-based appeal.

THE PAPERS

It would be unfair not to point to John Major's dilemma at home [over the BSE crisis]. The threat against the European Union is really an attempt to keep balance. It is more a cry for help than an ultimatum.

Patrick Cargill, the actor and dramatist; Michael Stobbs, scientist; William Lawrence, the Chief Constable of the South Wales Constabulary.

Sentencing reform: Labour's policies; V&A extension; literary twinning; crumbling gravestones; gay clergy.



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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,176

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for words.

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1 Send off letters that may appear under one's name (10).
6 Stuff rejected as basis for brandy (4).
9 Prerogatives of father - Aeneas's (10).
10 Sort of ballads acceptable for Hindu gentlemen (4).
12 Neath operative's unexpressed emotion (12).
15 Jumping ball - due in, but not available for hearing (9).
17 Work steadily to grasp popular historian (5).
18 Seeing state of course, enter gelding (5).
19 Italian given extremely cosy home, say - in old Venice, for example (4,5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,175. A crossword puzzle solution with words filled in.

Weather forecast table for various regions including Greater London, Kent, Sussex, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall, etc.

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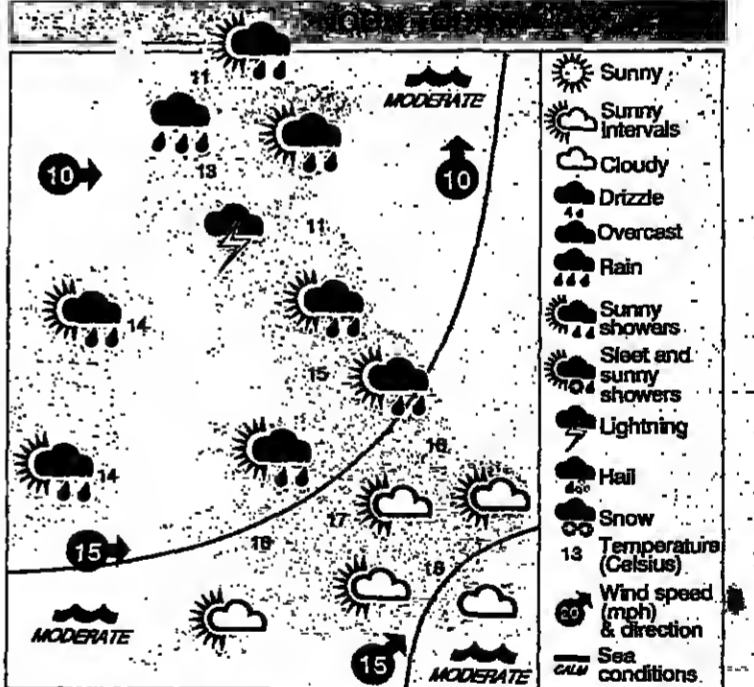
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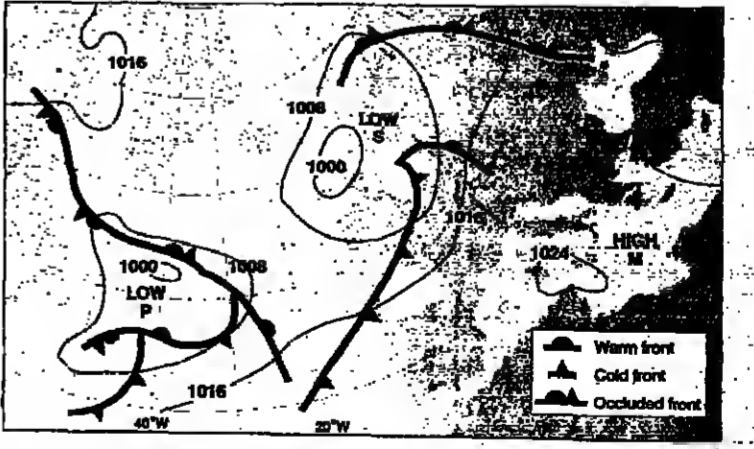


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Japanese bank in line to buy MoD married quarters

BY JASON NISSE

NOMURA INTERNATIONAL, the Japanese bank, is on the shortlist for the £1.6 billion privatisation of Ministry of Defence married quarters.

£1.6 billion, slightly more than the ministry had expected when it put the portfolio of 55,000 homes on the market last year.

MPs expressing "extreme disquiet" about the sale, and their protests are likely to intensify if the homes are sold to a Japanese buyer.

emergence of John Beckwith and his brother Peter in the property market. John Beckwith left London & Edinburgh Trust, the company they founded, in 1993 after its takeover by SPP, the Swedish group.

Mr Portillo was forced to admit in a House of Commons written answer in March that rents may rise by more than inflation as a result of the privatisation.

Venture Managers and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. The privatisation of the married quarters, which are spread over 800 sites from Kensington to Devonport, has brought a great deal of criticism from MPs.

BUSINESS TODAY

Table with financial data including FT-SE 100, DOW JONES, and various market indices.

CBI fears prolonged slump at factories

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND JANET BUSH

BRITAIN'S manufacturing industry remains weak, new evidence from business shows today, the day after Government figures suggested that manufacturing is likely to perform poorly for some months to come.

Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate economics director, says: "Manufacturing demand is likely to remain weak while the slight revival in exports over the past month remains fragile as short-term growth prospects in our key European markets are poor."



Roddicks turn down salary rise to £300,000

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

GORDON RODDICK, the chairman of Body Shop, and Anita Roddick, its chief executive, have once again taken the moral high ground, bucking the trend for huge boardroom pay rises.

which made the recommendation on pay. His wife is also on the committee, along with the company's two non-executive directors. A spokesman for the Body Shop said Mr Roddick had no explanation for not taking the big pay rise: "He quite simply did not want to accept it," he said.

Clarke moves on tax deal

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, yesterday asked the Securities and Investments Board to investigate reform of the current tax benefits for market-makers.

the market. But he said new rules would need to be readily policed and enforceable and should not have an adverse effect on competition.

Angela Knight, the Economic Secretary, said: "The tax system... should also ensure competition, fairness and liquidity in the trading of UK equities."

Cable and Wireless seeks international alliances

BY ERIC REGULY

CABLE AND WIRELESS said yesterday that it is holding partnership talks with a variety of international companies in the wake of the failure of its merger negotiations with BT.

Small deals, however, are likely after Richard Brown, the new chief executive, takes up his post in July. C&W, for example, wants to find a partner to strengthen its relatively small American operations.

through equity swaps, a merger or even takeovers. Peter Howell-Davies, Mercury's chief executive, said: "Our relationship with the cable companies is one of the most important issues we need to address this year."

Saatchi & Saatchi slips to fourth place

BY ERIC REGULY

SAATCHI & SAATCHI has lost its billing as the country's largest advertising agency for the first time since 1988.

Cut. They collectively spent £98 million on advertising, putting M&C Saatchi 17th in the top 25 table.

Advertisement for Coface LBF insurance, featuring the text 'A credit insurer that's ready with the readies.' and 'Coface LBF' logo.

### Nuclear fuel levy may be less than expected

By Philip Bassett

THE Government expects to cut back the nuclear industry's fossil fuel levy by less than ministers had hoped, which may in turn feed through to a smaller fall in electricity prices when the industry is privatised.

Stephen Littlechild, the Director-General of Electricity Supply, expects to announce a reduction in the levy — payment made to the electricity industry to fund its use of nuclear-generated power — when nuclear is privatised later this summer.

Ministers have made it clear that the current levy rate of 10 per cent of the value of electricity sales is likely to fall by up to 8 percentage points, to a level of around 2 per cent. But ministers said yesterday that current calculations were suggesting a smaller fall in the levy rate of 5.5-7 percentage points, suggesting a levy rate of around 3-4.5 per cent.

Tim Eggar, Energy and Industry Minister, said the complex calculations to finalise the new rate were not yet completed, but he indicated they were suggesting a levy rate around this level. He denied it represented a lower level than forecast, insisting that it was inside the range of up to 8 percentage points.

Launching the Government's annual Energy Report, Mr Eggar

cited as clear evidence of success in the energy sector changes in energy prices, with the "overriding message" for the year being lower gas and electricity prices for domestic and industrial customers.

In inflation-adjusted terms, annual average domestic electricity prices are at their lowest now since 1974, he said, and 1980 for gas. Industrial electricity prices are lower than any year since records began, and industrial gas prices are now about half their level a decade ago.

### Glenmorangie aims to tap export growth



Geoffrey Maddrell, left, and Peter Darbyshire, managing director, announced a 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profits on the back of stronger margins

GEOFFREY MADDRELL, chairman of Glenmorangie, said the company was aiming to continue its export drive and increase sales of own-brand products over the coming year (Alasdair Murray writes).

The whisky company now supplies 13 retailers, primarily in the UK and France, with own-brand premium whisky. Exports sales to the US increased

80 per cent, with exports making up about 40 per cent of total sales. Mr Maddrell added that the company was building a position in India and was set to launch in China this year.

Glenmorangie, which was formerly known as Macdonald Martin Distilleries, yesterday announced a 15 per cent increase in full-year pre-tax

profits to £6.6 million. Overall turnover rose 10 per cent to £39 million while case sales increased 21 per cent, bucking the sector trend.

The underlying operating margin increased 7 per cent to 22.4 per cent. The final dividend was increased 13.5 per cent to 9.25p for "A" shares, payable on July 26.

## CBI says PSBR overshoot threatens pre-poll tax cuts

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Government's scope for pre-election tax cuts may "evaporate" if public borrowing continues to overshoot, the Confederation of British Industry says today.

The CBI's warning comes as the latest survey of business leaders' voting intentions from the Institute of Management shows no improvement in support for the Conservatives.

The warning about the possibly limited scope for pre-election tax cuts comes in the CBI's economic forecasts published today. Though much of

the forecast is unchanged from the CBI's February estimates, the confederation says that the continuing overshoot in the PSBR, particularly if it continues throughout the year, may well mean that on tax cuts "the room for manoeuvre seems at present very limited".

After examining the shortfall in VAT receipts, which caused the PSBR to end 1995-96 at £31.9 billion, almost £3 billion above the Treasury's own forecast of six months earlier, the "tentative" forecast

today by CBI economists is that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will be able to cut personal taxes by only £2 billion, or 1p in the pound, in his November Budget — though they suggest that the Chancellor will have some further room by way of a £1 billion cut in public spending.

Noting that if an election has not been held by then that the "political pressure on the Chancellor will be as strong as ever for tax cuts", the CBI says: "If PSBR outturns continue to be higher than in our

forecast, then the scope for tax cuts may evaporate if the Government is to achieve its PSBR targets."

Business support for the

Conservatives is still low, according to a survey of 465 managers across industry by the Institute of Management.

The survey shows that Conservative support among managers now stands at 42 per cent — down from 43 per cent in February and from 62 per cent at the time of the 1992 general election.

Backing for Labour among managers has doubled since the general election, and now stands at 26 per cent — up from 25 per cent in the IoM's last survey.

### Sales of life and pension policies rebound

By Marianne Curphey

SALES of new life insurance and personal pension policies have started to bounce back after being hit last year by bad publicity and new regulations.

During 1995 sales across the industry fell as the public were reluctant to buy long-term life products after the scandal over the mis-selling of personal pensions. Insurance companies also complained that new rules on disclosure — which governed the sales process — were hampering sales.

However, figures from the Association of British Insurers published yesterday confirmed reports that sales were picking up. New sales across the industry totalled £3.8 billion in the first quarter of the year, up 9 per cent on the corresponding three months of 1995. The ABI figures followed encouraging first-quarter life sales from the composites. Commercial Union said its life profits were up 13 per cent, and General Accident said its acquisition of Provident Mutual, the life company, helped to counter the effects of severe winter weather.

Mark Boleat, ABI director-general, said: "The tentative, first signs of an upturn in new life and pension business, which were evident towards the end of last year, have been reinforced in the first quarter of this year."

□ The State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (Serps), will not be "restored to its former glory" if Labour wins the next election, according to Chris Smith, Labour's Shadow Social Security Secretary.

### Grosvenor invests in Dublin venture

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

THE Duke of Westminster's Grosvenor Estate Holdings is to invest about Ir£60 million in a joint venture to develop a new shopping centre on the outskirts of Dublin. The investment is the first by the UK property investment and development group in the Republic of Ireland.

Grosvenor's partner in the Quarryvale venture is O'Callaghan Properties, which is based in Cork and Ireland's leading developer of shopping centres.

The new shopping centre will occupy 252,000 sq ft of a 187-acre site at the junction of the N4 and M50 roads to the west of Dublin. O'Callaghan is reported to have spent up to Ir£20 million purchasing the site and securing planning permission for it.

The Grosvenor deal covers only the shopping centre aspect of the development. O'Callaghan has also secured planning permission for a hotel, a cinema, pub, restaurant and commercial buildings.

Already, Marks & Spencer and C&A have signed up as two of the anchor tenants in Quarryvale. The former is already established in Dublin, but Quarryvale will mark C&A's first move into the Republic's retail sector.

Work on the infrastructure for the site is expected to get under way by the end of this month, construction will start in early 1997 and the shopping centre should open the following year.

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

#### Lawrence payoff is less than predicted

THE Stock Exchange is to reveal a £350,000 payoff for Michael Lawrence, the chief executive sacked in January. The figure — lower than the £400,000 expected by observers — will be revealed next month in the Exchange's annual report.

Yesterday the Exchange unveiled a 9 per cent fall in its underlying costs to £161.3 million for the year to March 31. There has been huge debate over how it will manage once it loses its share settlement role next month with the introduction of paperless share settlement under Crest. Last year's total income of £196.1 million included £66.6 million from settlement. Pennington, page 27

#### Telewest raises £1.2bn

TELEWEST Communications, Britain's largest cable company, has raised £1.2 billion in debt to fund completion of its network in 1998. The company said the four and a half-year revolving loan by British, American and Canadian banks was arranged at a "very favourable" rate but would not elaborate. The network is about 53 per cent completed and analysts expect the company to end the year with positive operating cashflow. Telewest also plans to introduce number portability in August or September. Tempus, page 28

#### Liability campaign boost

THE campaign by the accountancy profession to win reform of the law on professional liability is growing through support from other professions. A letter was sent yesterday to Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, urging him to set up a review of the principle of joint and several liability. Apart from the main UK accountancy bodies, signatories included the 100 Group of Finance Directors, the Institute of Actuaries, the National Association of Pension Funds and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Pennington, page 27

#### Pep rules tightened

SCOTTISH AMICABLE is to contest an official rule change that blocks attempts to circumvent the £5,000 personal equity plan limit. The Inland Revenue's move threatens a Pep recently launched by Scottish Amicable in which as much as £50,000 could be invested. The company claimed yesterday that the Revenue had examined the scheme in February. A spokesman said yesterday: "We believe that retrospective intervention by the Revenue more than three weeks into a six-week offer period raises serious issues for the investing public."

#### Water bid goes to MMC

GENERAL UTILITIES and Saur, French owners of the Folkestone, Dover and South East water companies, yesterday won the first round in their hostile bid for Mid Kent Holdings when the Department of Trade and Industry agreed to refer their bid directly to the MMC. Mid Kent had argued the bid was illegal, after GU gave assurances in 1989 that it would not increase its 19.5 per cent stake in the water company. Last month, the High Court referred the matter to the DTI, which has decided the MMC should resolve all issues.

#### British Steel action

BRITISH STEEL is to start legal action against the European Commission over £39 million in state subsidies given to Irish Steel. The action will challenge the legality of the financial support under article 95 of the Treaty of Paris. British Steel argues Irish Steel will be free to raise production from 266,000 tonnes to 450,000 tonnes by the end of the decade, putting at risk 500 jobs in the UK. In June 1994 British Steel began legal challenges to state aid given to Ilva, Italian steel maker, and CSI of Spain.

#### Cranswick sales rise

CRANSWICK, the company which produces animal feeds and breeds pigs, recorded a 22 per cent sales increase to £142 million in the year to March 31, helped by a 75 per cent lift in the average price of pig to 140p per kilo. However, an increase in grain price and interest charges of £276,000 hit pre-tax profits, which nudged up 2.7 per cent to £3.12 million. Sales in bird feed rose 24 per cent to £9.9 million, 7 per cent of overall sales. The final dividend is 6.6p, making a year total of 9.20p (8.65p). Earnings rose to a record 15.6p (14.6p).

### POWERGEN plc SCRIP DIVIDEND

Under the PowerGen Scrip Dividend Plan, shareholders can elect, by completing a Mandate form, to receive dividends in shares rather than in cash. This Plan is available to holders of the Interim Rights, as well as to holders of the Ordinary shares.

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The Scrip Dividend Plan will apply to this Final Dividend. Shareholders who have already lodged a Mandate need take no further action to continue to receive the Scrip Dividend. Key dates are as follows:

- 3 June 1996 Ordinary shares and Interim Rights go ex dividend
- 7 June 1996 Price of New Share available 5.00pm
- 11 June 1996 Record Date
- 2 July 1996 Last date for Mandates or cancellations to be received by Registrars
- 15 July 1996 Annual General Meeting
- 30 July 1996 Dividend warrants and New Share certificates posted
- 31 July 1996 Final Dividend paid. First day of dealings in New Shares

The price of a New Share will be available from 5.00pm on 7 June 1996 by telephoning the Company's Registrars on 0117 976 3005. The Registrars can also supply Mandate forms and deal with any queries.



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Continental unrest strikes a warning Banks fret over company news delay Business balks at the environmental bill

# Fighting shy of German practices

GERMANY'S spate of industrial bloodmindedness may bode ill for New Labour's welfare reform plans. Not because it highlights the costs of welfare hand-outs — those costs have been well known ever since the Federal Republic concocted its blend of generosity and efficiency in the 1950s, and they can hardly come as a surprise in the UK. The real significance of this week's "warning strikes" (warning to whom?) are that they provide a graphic display of German labour inflexibility.

This column argued yesterday that an unseen effect of Labour's punitive taxation plans, which this time will target the rich including the big hitters in the City among others, could be the flight of much of the financial services industry overseas. The City is equally concerned about the effect on inward investment of Labour's social policies. The German experience shows why.

That country's social market model has run its course. Even the Germans can no longer afford to work half as much as the Poles and pay themselves ten times more. But New Labour is explicitly trying to copy the German system, where the workers not the bosses are the fat cats. In his New Labour bible *The State We're In*, Will Hutton says Germany has shown that its muddled brand of capitalism has

given it an "inbuilt competitive advantage". What the German experience has really shown is that welfare generosity *à la Bonn* is a classic ratchet effect. Once the welfare beneficiaries have received their part of the cake they will regard it as theirs forever. According to *Bild* newspaper, one worker's response to Helmut Kohl's £13 billion spending cuts was that now he could only afford a second-hand car. Germans are taking their privileges for granted. Any future government trying to take it away from them will get a bloody nose — as Herr Kohl is about to find out. Similarly, Tony Blair's stakeholders might rather drive their stake through his heart than hand it back.

The hysterical public reaction in France last year to some distinctly modest proposals for austerity, set for a repeat performance this summer, suggest the same lesson: inflexibility may be the main consequence of Labour's welfare reforms. This is certainly the City's fear: a national minimum wage, a Social Chapter, or a job creation pro-

gramme. If Labour pushes through drastic reforms they will create rigidities. These will not only slow the domestic economy down but also scare away foreign investors.

By comparison, the cost issue is marginal. Money spent on any worthy project is not wasted. And how worthy Labour will be we will not know until Tony Blair and Gordon Brown are neighbours in Downing Street. They will not be signing any "long suicide notes" ahead of an election. But if their plans create inflexibility on a German scale, then they are bad news however worthy they may look.

## Time is money even in the City

IT goes against the grain to feel sympathy for the long days put in by the City merchant banks and other advisers, who tend to be paid by the hour. But there is a mood of discontent among the breed at delays at the Exchange's information dissemination system, the Regulatory News Service (RNS).

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This is the beast that churns out the yards and yards of dull company news that have to be scanned by analysts for the odd nugget of sense, and it is a slow and picky feeder.

The Stock Exchange clearly has higher priorities than RNS. The latest financial results, stripped of one-offs, suggest income may still be running some £10 million below costs and there may be more pain to come even if this summer's Sequence electronic trading system has been self-financing. But coeries of banks have emerged in the past muttering about cutting out RNS altogether even if no one has yet had the bottle to defy the Exchange. They could yet. At present, it is hard to input

company news electronically because the computers at the exchange are 15 years old. This leads to the draft requirement, reminiscent of old Fleet Street at its worst, for every line of those announcements to be typed in again by hand once delivered in paper form. It all leads to awful logjams during busy periods, such as the early mornings.

This is a more important matter than lost beauty sleep for overpaid advisers, because delays in broadcasting vital information can cost money, if one half of the market knows the facts and the other does not. Such delays have occurred during fast-moving takeover bids.

There is no natural monopoly held by the RNS — an electronic line to Reuters, whose technology can handle the announcement in seconds, would be quite legal. For its part, the exchange does not deny the system is technologically outdated. In March, for example, RNS handled almost 10,000 announcements, two thirds of them retyped from hard copy. Distribution of the necessary computer ware to all listed companies is taking place,

but will not be completed before the fourth quarter. Why so long? Must *festina lente* always be the exchange's watchword?

## Not too green to fall for business survey

YOU are telephoned by a man with a clipboard. In your normal course of business do you A) care deeply about the environment; or B) prefer to bash seal cubs over the head with baseball bats made out of irreplaceable tropical hardwoods?

Do you A) worry about the health and safety of your employees; or B) routinely work them to death and poison the swine when they run out of puff? And would you like the taxpayer to pay you to be more environmentally friendly? Note that there is no alternative to this question.

Welcome again to the world of self-fulfilling surveys. The latest "proves" that seven out of ten companies now care more about the environment than they did a year previously. This rather makes one wonder about the other three. Have they reached a

state of Nirvana-like perfection, at which lofty plane they could not possibly care more. Or couldn't they care less?

Anyone who has picked up the phone and discovered one of these clipboards on the other end knows the heart-sinking realisation that a good half hour is about to be wasted. The real fear is that they might somehow influence public policy — catch a politician at a moment of weakness, perhaps. This survey reaches the astounding conclusion that one thing holding companies back from implementing green policies is the cost. They are none too keen on picking up the tab, naturally, in the form of extra tax and charges. Instead, they want incentives or tax breaks. So who should pay for greener business? You guessed it — you and me.

## Balance of blame

THERE is something unedifying about the sight of the big accountants hurrying off to Jersey to form limited liability partnerships. They insist this is their best protection against huge civil actions. Meanwhile, various professions, including the bean-counters, are demanding government action to limit partners' joint and several liability. But how many votes are there in protecting accountants?



Keith Edelman, Storehouse chief executive, at Bhs in Reading yesterday when the group reported a successful year

# Storehouse results lifted by Mothercare profit leap

By SARAH BAGNALL

STOREHOUSE, the Mothercare to Bhs retail group, managed to squeeze more money out of sales last year, helping to drive pre-tax profits up by 21 per cent to £109.9 million, in the year to March 30.

The better than expected rise in profits reflected fewer markdowns, which helped to lift gross margins by more than 1.5 percentage points. Keith Edelman, chief execu-

tive, said: "Storehouse has had another successful year." He added that the current year "has started steadily", and he joined other leading retailers in saying that there was evidence of a revival in consumer confidence, but "we expect the overall retail environment will be as challenging this year as last".

The advance in profits was achieved on the back of a 4.6 per cent rise in sales to £1.08 billion. After stripping out the figures for One Up, the chain of clothing stores sold last June, group sales rose by 3 per cent. The sale of the stores resulted in a £1.2 million exceptional profit.

# McDonald's signs ten-year promotion deal with Disney

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

WALT DISNEY, the entertainment company, and McDonald's, the hamburger chain, signed a ten-year marketing deal that combines two of the world's strongest brand names. McDonald's will have the exclusive right to promote Disney films and videos in its 18,700 restaurants worldwide. The hamburger chain will also have the right to open new restaurants in Disney's theme parks in Florida and Paris, and will sponsor the

new Dinoland attraction at Disney World in Florida. Michael Eisner, Disney's chairman, hailed the agreement as a "true Disney production". The promotions, which will reach 33 million customers worldwide who eat at McDonald's restaurants every day, are largely aimed at children who make up the core of McDonald's clientele.

The deal is a significant victory for McDonald's over rival Burger King in a long-running battle to promote Disney films. Until now McDonald's relationship with Disney has been intermittent, covering a few films and more recently a McTrivia quiz game with questions based on Disney children's films. Recently Burger King has won the promotional rights to blockbusters such as *Toy Story* and *The Lion King*. It is also promoting this summer's Disney release, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

Bhs, the group's biggest division, saw operating profits rise 11 per cent to £77.4 million on sales, excluding One Up, ahead 2 per cent at £742.7 million. The chain of 135 stores lifted operating margins from 9.2 per cent to 10.3 per cent.

In contrast to Mothercare, Bhs had a slow start to the year, with sales picking up during the second half. Blazer lifted operating profit by 37 per cent, to £400,000, on sales ahead 3 per cent at £14.8 million. The final dividend was lifted from 3.6p to 4.2p, making a total for the year of 7.2p, up from 6.3p last time. The dividend, due August 8, is payable out of earnings of 17.8p a share, up from 14.8p last time. The shares fell 7p to 327p.

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# BNB to be hit by more defections

By CLARE STEWART

BNB Resources, the executive recruitment and training group, is facing a further defection of senior staff when it emerged yesterday that five headhunters may leave its New York subsidiary, Norman Broadbent International (NBI). David Norman, executive chairman of BNB, told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting that the five executives may have gone by the end of July. Sources in the United States confirmed that the staff would be leaving, and are contemplating legal action over non-payment of bonuses.

The problems in New York come soon after the departure of senior personnel in London. In February, Miles Broadbent,

former chief executive of NBI, "retired", while last month three directors of the financial services division quit. On Tuesday, it was announced that Andrew Goodman, founder and chief executive of Goodman Graham, the IT recruitment company acquired by BNB last year, had left after a difference of opinion over its management. He is planning to sue BNB for unfair dismissal and breach of contract.

In his statement to shareholders, Mr Norman said NBI had been "managing purposefully," after the departure of its key personnel. Although both Mr Broadbent and the three directors of the financial services division had set up their own recruitment agencies, Mr Norman said that all four will "continue to work in association with NBI for 12 months". This refers to a contractual requirement for the four men to pay 50 per cent of their earnings to NBI. The acquisition cost of Goodman Graham will drop to £4.5 million, compared to the maximum stated of £7 million after the departure of Mr Goodman, as he will not be entitled to participate in the three-year earnout agreement, Mr Norman said. The first four months of this year showed "an encouraging advance" on the same period last year, he went on. "We remain very positive as to our prospects..."

# Imro fines Adams & Nevile

By ROBERT MILLER

A SENIOR City watchdog yesterday fined a London-based private client fund manager more than a year's worth of profits for a number of serious rule breaches. The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), which polices fund managers, fined Adams & Nevile Asset Management £20,000 against a profit of £14,619 in 1994-95. In addition, the firm was ordered to pay compensation of £59,000 to 35 investors for losses incurred as a result of advice received from the company. Imro found Adams & Nevile guilty of failing to take all reasonable steps to ensure that investors who bought shares in Laser understood the risks. The company subsequently failed.

# Burford seeks £142m to buy property portfolio

By CARL MORTISHED

BURFORD, the property group which last November spun off the Trocadero as a quoted leisure company, is raising £142 million in a rights issue to shareholders. The new money will finance the purchase of a £70.8 million portfolio of properties from Shell Pensions Trust and provide funding for the development of a shopping and leisure complex on Finchley Road, North London. Burford's rights issue comes after a cash call from Chelsfield on Tuesday, also targeted at investment in the capital. Chelsfield's £100 million rights is earmarked for its White City retail and leisure development in West London and both companies are tapping the stock market after the recent surge in property shares. Since the start of March, Burford's share price

has risen 38 per cent in value. The property company also announced a reverse takeover of Carnell, the USM-quoted publisher, in a £14 million deal involving the purchase by Carnell of Columbus Holdings for shares. Columbus, which publishes travel directories, including *The World Travel Guide*, is 50 per cent owned by Burford, which intends to distribute the Carnell stock to its shareholders as a dividend. Burford shareholders will end up with 43 per cent of Carnell, which is changing its name to Columbus and joining the Official List. Burford will issue 119 million shares in rights on a two-for-five basis at 122p, a discount of 15 per cent from the price on Wednesday. Nick Leslau, chief executive of Burford, said the new funds would provide extra purchas-

ing power indicating that, after the share issue, the company could spend £362 million while remaining within a self-imposed gearing limit of 100 per cent. After the rights, net asset value, including the Carnell shares, will increase from 104.3p to 107.3p. Burford's gearing will fall from 56 to 23 per cent. The Shell Pensions portfolio totals seven properties, including a shopping centre in Shrewsbury, a retail park and three freehold hotels, producing £4.9 million in rent. Mr Leslau said the income should increase to £6.9 million over the three years, increasing the yield 7 per cent to just under 10 per cent. The Finchley Road development is expected to cost £40 million with a completed value of £60 million.

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Retail sector revives as brokers turn bullish



Martin Mays-Smith, left, Paul Rivers, financial director, centre, and Mike Watts, chief executive, of Morland

SHARES of the high street supermarket chains are back in vogue. They were chased sharply higher after a clutch of unrelated brokers' recommendations.

UBS took the lead by recommending the whole sector to clients on the basis that, as things cannot get any worse, it is probably time to start looking for the recovery.

UBS was followed closely by rivals NatWest Securities and BZW. NatWest has upgraded its recommendation for Argyl, soon to be renamed Safeway, from a "hold" to an "add".

Morland, whose chairman is Martin Mays-Smith, has been forced to downgrade estimates for the full year on the back of a £1 million increase in costs.

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Over on the Alternative Investment Market, shares of Mulberry Group, the leather bags and fabrics supplier, got off to a positive start.

A warning of a drop in profits led Crabtree Group, the Gateshead engineer, nursing a fall of 49p at 278p.

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Rescued by Children

STOREHOUSE bought Children's World in the nick of time, as the retailer is badly in need of some growth. That may seem an unfair accusation to make against a company that reported a 17 per cent increase in retailing profit last year but Storehouse is in a pickle because, while it has been doing very well squeezing more profit from the business, sales have been flat or negative.

Go-Ahead Group

HAVING torn apart the nation's public road transport, the Government is sitting back and watching entrepreneurs stitch it together again into a number of private freedoms.

Burford

ANY other property company might have found it difficult to justify its rights issue. With gearing a touch over 50 per cent, Burford is raising £140 million and the only justification offered is the purchase of a £70 million portfolio on a 7 per cent initial yield.

TeleWest

THE cable industry's darkest days are now behind it. After a disastrous winter, the shares of the six listed players have clawed their way back to their issue prices and several companies are expected to finish the year with positive operating cash flow.

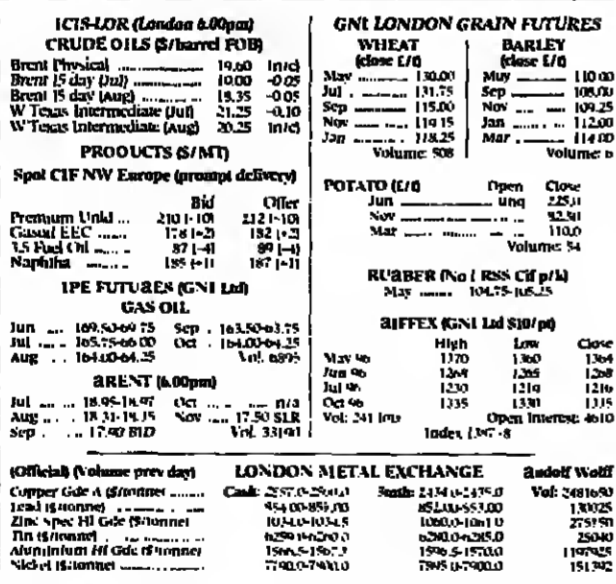


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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Business Age calls it a day

BUSINESS AGE, the financial monthly that upset the Queen over her estimated wealth, has been shut after failing to meet newsstand sales targets.

Body politic

AFTER three decades of campaigning for social change, Anita Roddick has decided to include some spice in The Body Shop's annual report.



That would be before England beat China 3-0

Sooty's target

GORDON POWER, MD of Guinness Mahon Development Capital, the company that splashed out £1.4 million for Sooty yesterday, is said to have carried the deal on his shoulders.

Touch of class

SIR Michael Wilmut, owner of The Beaufort hotel in Knightsbridge, stole the show at a recent gale evening in Los Angeles, hosted by British hoteliers.

IS THE London Stock Exchange preparing itself for the next big crash? At the bottom of a list of planning consents on delegated authority of the City Planning Officer is one for the installation of a safety handrail to the roof perimeter of the Throgmorton Street building.

MORAG PRESTON

Power of the generators faces a new challenge

At issue is whether they hold too much sway over pricing, says

Christine Buckley

Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, is about to grapple again with the thorny issue of competition in generation.

His attention has been forced on the subject by the threat from PowerGen, the country's second largest generator, that it might not sell the power stations it has been ordered to unfill it gets guidance on how the electricity industry can develop.

The move follows the surprise government block on its takeover of a regional company, along with that of National Power.

Along with National Power, PowerGen is obliged under the regulator's orders to sell some power stations to encourage more competition in generation.

The aim, particularly, is to spark further rivalry in the important price-setting area of the wholesale market for power, in which generators bid prices they want related to expected demand.

PowerGen is aggrieved that it has not been allowed to expand its business by taking over Midlands Electricity and wants clarification on the policy for development.

Others, including the electricity regulator and some regional electricity companies, do not agree. They argue that PowerGen and National Power, the largest generator, hold too much sway over power prices.

A report by BZW, the brokers, predicts that the price-setting part of generation is likely to be dominated by the two main players for some time to come. It predicts that in 1999 National Power will have 37 per cent of the capacity in the mid-merit market and PowerGen will have 33 per cent.

Immediately after that the broker sees a slight dropping away as new plant come on-stream, but it still sees the two main players controlling 60 per cent of price-setting areas.

The report also casts doubt on the view that prices are falling in line with increased competition. It says: "National Power and PowerGen have had a strong interest in promoting a pessimistic view of electricity prices in recent months for three reasons: to convince Ofwat that the generating market really is competitive, requiring no regulation; to bolster the case for buying a regional electricity company; to discourage the building of further new generation plants."

The two main generators have about 85 per cent of the mid-merit area of the electricity pool, although their overall share stands at 57 per cent. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC), in its inquiries into the takeovers by National Power and PowerGen of Southern Electric and Midlands Electricity, made clear that the state of competition in generation was a fundamental consideration. It did not, however, conduct any research into future market shares, relying instead on the projections of the two generators, the National Grid and the Office of Electricity Regulation. A spokesman for the MMC said that it had not had the time to undertake independent research. Professor

EU countries do come to influence the position in the UK - and that the British Government, by excluding itself from the discussions, has left the field open to others to draft the legislation.

Insider dealing laws in need of a re-draft

From Adrian Fitzgerald Sir, I read with interest your article (Corporate Britain caught in profit warning paradox, May 22), which examined reasons for the recent spate of profit warnings.

Martin Waller is right to attribute the current phenomenon at least in part to the tightening of the processes by which information is released to the stock market. However, he is wrong to conclude that the problem is one of "over-reporting". If anything, it is one of under-reporting.

Certainly, official announcements via Stock Exchange channels have largely replaced the unofficial messaging of market expectations, a direct result of the new insider dealing legislation and reinforced guidance by the Exchange on the dissemination of price-sensitive information.

Whilst this trend has arguably created a fairer market for all participants, there is growing evidence that it has created a much less efficient market. In the sense that shares can remain mis-priced for lengthy periods. Sharp reactions to official profit warnings can quickly correct such mis-pricings, but this is of no comfort to buyers at prices some 20-30 per cent higher just days before.

The answer is that if companies are obliged to manipulate expectations through official channels, then announcements, or bulletins, must become more frequent. The market and its participants will just have to learn to cope with the resultant deluge of information. Given the present interpretation of insider dealing legislation, this is the only way that investors can be sure that current share prices reflect known trading performances.

Of course, the sensible thing would be to re-draft the legislation. The new insider dealing laws from April 1994 are open to too many interpretations and, as a result, have had a disastrous effect on communications between the corporate sector and the City.

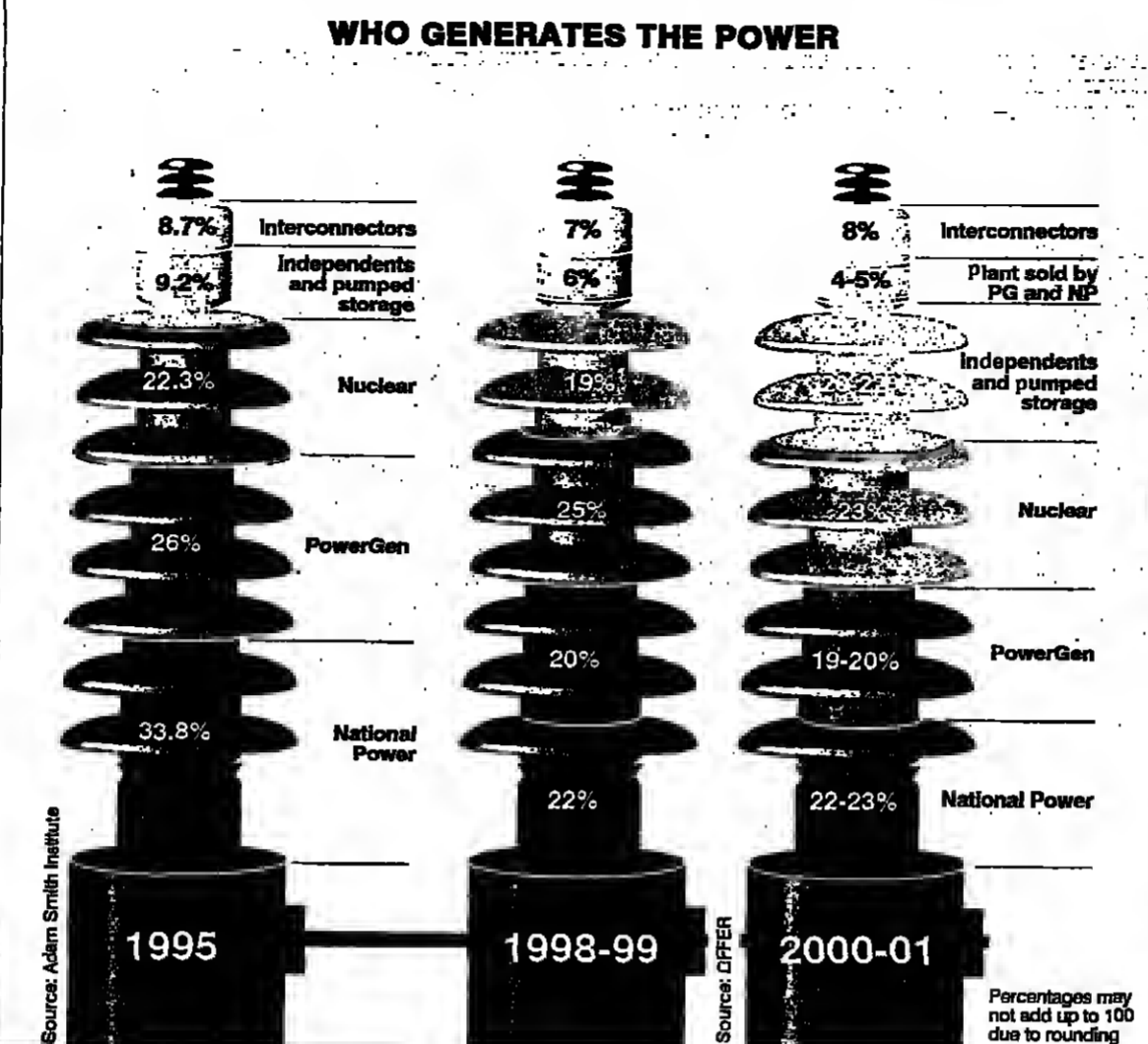
The gross stock market inefficiency that has resulted is too heavy a price to pay for just two insider dealing prosecutions in the last two years. Yours faithfully, ADRIAN FITZGERALD Pomahorn Farmhouse, Penicuik, Midlothian.

From Denis MacShane, MP Sir, Robbie Gilbert, the CBI's employment adviser, writes that "The Government should offer to end the opt-out" of the European Social Chapter (May 22). He also suggests that London could make common cause with Sweden and Ireland, two countries where trade union relationships with Government are strong. Final-

The electricity regulator has made clear his keenness for competition in generation

up achieving the regulator's stated aim of bringing competition into the critically important mid-merit market."

The deals between the generators and Eastern that will introduce the third major player into the mid-merit market have puzzled some energy economists. Breaking down published figures, it has paid about £360 per kilowatt hour for the National Power plant and about £200 per kilowatt hour for the PowerGen plant. A new combined cycle gas turbine plant with a life of at least 25 years would cost about £450 per kilowatt hour, according to market estimates. National Power's plant is thought to have a life remaining of about 10-15 years, while



Liotechild has recently hinted to analysts that he may consider forcing the generators to get rid of more power stations than he initially planned. In a rare briefing to the City, he indicated that competition may be given a further helping hand.

The political temperature over competition in generation has also been raised. The surprise takeover veto and golden share endorsement by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, came after growing unrest over the issue from Tory backbenchers such as John Redwood and Norman Lamont.

Fears for the stimulation of competition in generation have been further raised by the similar deals struck by the generators to sell their power stations. Both are with Eastern Group, the regional electricity company which is part of the Hanson conglomerate. Together the deals will make Eastern the fourth largest generator. It will, however, only enter the generating market with commercial restrictions attached by PowerGen and National Power. Both sales carry important earn-out clauses.

That means that the more electricity generated into the wholesale market by Eastern, the more will go to the two largest generators in earnings-related payments.

This continued market interest was not what the regulator originally wanted to see. He had told the generators he wanted to see a clean sale, but then agreed to earn-out clauses up to 2003 with agreed payments for each megawatt hour produced. He stated that the earn-outs should not "constrain the commercial freedom of the new owner to choose when and how to operate."

Such constraint would seem inevitable. Eastern will begin with a cost handicap when it enters the bidding in the wholesale market. It will be forced to factor this into the price it asks for its electricity or suffer commercial loss.

Undercutting the prices of the two main generators in the important price-setting region of the wholesale market is, therefore, far less likely. A National Power spokesman said that the earn-out deals, which require a lower up-front payment than an outright sale, encouraged the buyer to bid competitively in mid-merit. He said: "Under different arrangements Eastern would have been expected to operate in the baseload section where competition is less of an issue."

Baseload pays lower prices for electricity but guarantees that output will be taken, whereas mid-merit doesn't. The chief executive of one independent regional electricity company said: "The proposed solution does not end the regulator's stated aim of bringing competition into the critically important mid-merit market."

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PowerGen's stations have about seven to ten years left. In addition to the shorter lives, Eastern's acquired plant is expected to operate on a much reduced capacity - about 50 per cent as against a new plant's 85 per cent.

Energy economists have estimated a market price for National Power's plants as £180-£270 per kilowatt hour and for PowerGen's £125 per kilowatt hour. On these calculations Eastern seems to have coughed up a premium of between 50 per cent and 100 per cent over a modern equivalent depreciated asset.

Eastern's particular arrangement with PowerGen, whereby it gives the generator leave to reconsider the sale in the event of its takeover bid for Midlands being scuppered, has also caused some puzzlement. Eastern has maintained its confidence that the sale will proceed and has indicated it has a sub-clause of its own entered in the deal. It has not been prepared to reveal the nature of this and has kept silent as PowerGen has waved the threat of pulling out of the sale in front of the regulator's nose.

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Casualties rife in bank's quest for efficiency

Patricia Tehan on the tasks facing the man restructuring Lloyds TSB

Peter Ellwood, the new deputy chief executive of Lloyds TSB, faces two unenviable tasks. The first is to put together the retail banking and financial services operations of two of the biggest banks in the country after their merger last December.

The second brings with it far more pain. After a Private Bill is approved by Parliament, probably some time next year, he must oversee the dramatic reduction of the combined banking group's 3,000-strong branch network accompanied by the loss of thousands of the combined bank's 40,000 jobs.

Mr Ellwood is seen by analysts as bringing a flood of new ideas to Lloyds TSB. Under Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive, the bank has managed its grand strategy more effectively than most of its rivals but it has been behind most - particularly TSB - in its thinking on customer service, product development, information technology and management development. Mr Ellwood

started his mammoth task in January. He is far happier talking about the first of his jobs than the second.

So far, according to the bank, the ratio of Lloyds to

TSB appointments in the top two layers of management is running at 50/50 in retail financial services, though the group support positions such as legal adviser and company secretary have all gone to Lloyds Bank executives. At the end of this month, the third management tier will be put in place - making 172 positions altogether.

Mr Ellwood said he was surprised by the similarity in culture between the two organisations. Lloyds has a far more up-market image than TSB and a much bigger base of corporate customers. But outsiders say the cultures of the two are quite different and it can only be a matter of time before a clash becomes an issue.

Lloyds TSB is using integration methods formulated by Boston Consulting to push the two banks together. This means an integration committee of six, chaired by Mr Ellwood, taking all major decisions on integration and running the business. A co-ordination team of ten reports to the top committee.

reporting on the work undertaken by a series of task forces and process teams.

Mr Ellwood said the obvious place to start was the strategy - "to be a leading player in every one of our chosen markets". Then the integration team went on to ask what would make the merged bank "better, different from the competition", bearing in mind that "the strategic goal is increasing shareholder value".

In order to achieve this, he added, the bank has attempted to analyse "what customers really want" and found that it is "excellence of service". For Lloyds TSB this means three things: "Highly competent staff, giving people the ability to do business where and when they want to; and making customers feel they are being cared for."

Mr Ellwood said a new customer-focused structure put in place in April, organising the business by product, "is different from what Lloyds had, different to what TSB had". The most

important decision, said Mr Ellwood, was to close TSB's former retail banking administration centre in Birmingham and to concentrate activities in Bristol.

where Lloyds retail financial services operation is based. This move will involve the loss of 500 jobs.

"You cannot shy away from difficult decisions, staff expect you to take them," said Mr Ellwood. "But they understand the logic that we do not need two administration centres."

The big issue, yet to be addressed by the bank, is what happens to the branch network. The bank cannot pull the two branch networks together until a Private Bill is passed by Parliament next year which means, said Mr Ellwood, "that the momentum of the business, the dialogue with the customer, all goes on without being affected by the merger".

But despite the best efforts of Lloyds TSB to downplay the issue, it will push the bank through a great deal of pain and controversy next year and the effect on staff - and the excellence of service Mr Ellwood is seeking - should not be underestimated.

It is only a matter of time before there is a clash of cultures

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Terms set for votes on merger of insurers

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

HALF of the 46,700 shareholders in Royal Insurance need to vote in favour of the insurer's proposed merger with Sun Alliance to ensure the deal goes through next month.

They must account for 75 per cent of the equity value, which means that Mercury Asset Management, the fund manager and largest shareholder in both companies, will be a crucial player.

Shareholders in both companies have been sent documents outlining the structure of their proposed merger, which will create Britain's biggest insurance group.

An extraordinary general meeting for Royal Insurance Shareholders will take place immediately after a court hearing on June 14.

Share option schemes, including those for executive directors, will be transferred to the new Royal Sun Alliance Group shares.

Royal Insurance said yesterday that policyholders would "experience no immediate change as a result of the merger".

The two companies expect to make £175 million savings by 1998 in the UK and overseas from the merger, and to spend an equivalent sum on one-off costs integrating the two insurance companies.

About 5,000 jobs will be lost as a result of the merger, with the majority going in the UK where the two companies' head offices and international operations are to be merged. The two companies currently employ more than 45,000 people worldwide.

Sun Alliance has 25,000 shareholders. Of those who vote, 75 per cent need to be in favour of the merger for it to go ahead.

Under the terms of the merger, Royal shareholders will receive 1,067 Royal Sun Alliance shares for every 1,000 Royal shares and have been promised "significantly enhanced earnings per share and dividend prospects".



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Go-Ahead pays £46m for London General buses

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

THE Go-Ahead bus company has agreed to buy London General Transport Services, which runs buses in south-west and central London, and Surrey, for £46 million. The acquisition will give Go-Ahead control of 18 per cent of the London bus market.

Go-Ahead's shares rose 30p to 340p on news of the acquisition. Analysts said the addition of London General would be immediately earnings-enhancing and would take the pressure off Go-Ahead's Oxford operations, struggling against stiff competition. Concern about Oxford has been depressing Go-Ahead's shares. Yesterday, the company forecast a final dividend of 3.7p per share. It set an interim dividend of 1.85p in March.

Go-Ahead, which is based in Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, already runs London Central buses and expects to save on costs by combining some operations. Martin Ballinger, managing director, said some lay-offs were possible in the long term but not immediately because London General is profitable: it made £7.67 million in the year to March 31, on turnover of £52.8 million. The purchase already has nearly 50 per cent approval from shareholders in Mockett, London General's holding company, and full approval is expected next month.

Go-Ahead is keen to continue expanding and is hoping to be chosen to operate the Docklands Light Railway. It is also bidding for tenders to run other urban rail networks.

The acquisition will be funded by a combination of a placing and open offer of 7.29 million new Go-Ahead shares at 290p each, raising £19.54 million. The rest will come from cash balances within London General and new bank borrowings.

Mockett was set up in 1994 when the bus company's managers and employees bought London General from London Regional Transport.

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BTG share price rises to a record

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES of BTG, the patent licensing group that was formerly state-owned, rose to a high of £18.15 yesterday after the company said it had made further progress in bringing its portfolio of inventions to the marketplace.

The shares, which were placed on the stock market at 225p in July 1995, closed at £17.55, down 30p on the day.

Ian Harvey, chief executive, said 52 new licences had been signed with companies worldwide and 104 new inventions were accepted for the portfolio. The company has high hopes for Torotrak, a variable transmission system, with Toyota joining Ford as licensee. It is being incorporated into a fleet of Ford Mondeos.

BTG incurred pre-tax losses of £2.74 million (£370,000 loss) for the year to the end of March. A maiden final dividend of 4p a share meets the flotation forecast.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Forward marches on through acquisition

ACQUISITIONS powered a 103 per cent rise in profits at Forward Group, the circuit board manufacturer, to £7.6 million before tax in the year to January 31, on turnover that rose 181 per cent to £66.8 million. Forward is paying a final dividend of 4.8p, making a total for the year of 8p, up from 6p. Earnings rose to 43p a share, compared with 36.2p. The company's shares rose 70p to 900p yesterday.

Further expansion is planned in the current year, as Forward has its sights on more acquisitions to expand its range of activities. Last year's acquisitions, chiefly Exacta, a larger circuit board manufacturer bought for £13.5 million, contributed £4.8 million of profit at the operating level. Forward is paying a further consideration of £2.5 million for Exacta, in line with the profit-related purchase agreement.

Soros pledges to Russia

GEORGE SOROS, the billionaire financier, is planning to spend \$100 million of his own money on his biggest philanthropic scheme so far to promote the Internet in Russia. The aim is to install internet connections at universities across Russia over the next five years to help in the building of a more open society, he said. He will open the first of 32 Internet centres at Yaroslavl, a city near Moscow, next month.

Wales lures £5m plant

SPM, the American plastics company, yesterday announced plans for a £5 million plant in the Cynon Valley, South Wales, which will open early next year and create 130 new jobs. SPM, a subsidiary of Dynacast, is one of the top ten injection moulding companies in North America. It supplies telecommunications, electronics and automotive companies. One of its biggest customers, Northern Telecom of Canada, has a plant in Cwmcrwn, South Wales, which influenced SPM's decision.

B Elliott lifts profits

B ELLIOTT, the engineering group engaged in manufacturing and measurement systems, power conversion and control equipment, lifted pre-tax profits to £5.1 million in the year to March 31 from £4.3 million previously. Earnings were 10.08p a share (8.84p). The final dividend of 1.8p a share lifts the total to 3p (2.5p). The company proposes to sell Newall Aerospace, which accounted for 5 per cent of last year's turnover of £118.4 million. The shares rose 4p to 91p yesterday.

Southnews advances

SOUTHNEWS, the publisher of free and paid-for newspapers in London and the Home Counties, lifted pre-tax profits by 6 per cent to £3.37 million in the year to March 30 despite a sharp increase in newspaper prices. Higher advertising rates allowed operating profit to rise by 36 per cent to £4.6 million, with a £237,000 contribution from the newly purchased Crydon Advertiser. The final dividend was raised to 4.05p (3.10p), making a year total of 5.81p (4.45p).

Euromoney ahead

EUROMONEY PUBLICATIONS earned £11.5 million before tax in the half-year to March 31, rising from £10.4 million in the first half of the previous year. Earnings were 32p a share, against 30p. The interim dividend is held at 14p a share. The company, which held a cash of £4 million at March 31, is again actively seeking acquisitions. The company is committed to spending £9.5 million on further equity stakes in existing subsidiaries and associates.

Hilldown appoints new chief

GEORGE GREENER has been appointed chief executive of Hilldown Holdings, the food manufacturing and processing group. He will succeed David Newton, who has told the board he intends to resign to pursue his

personal interests. Mr Greener, 50, served for 20 years in the Mars Group, latterly as managing director of Mars UK until 1991. Until recently he was chief executive of BAT UK Financial Services and a board

member of BAT Industries. Mr Newton, 53, will stay at Hilldown until September to ensure a smooth handover. He joined Hilldown in 1982 and was appointed to the board in 1986, becoming chief executive in 1993.

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Japanese invest in Scotland

BY OUR CITY STAFF

MORE than 200 jobs are to be created in Scotland through industrial investments by two Japanese electronics firms.

The Tenna (UK) company is to carry out a £5 million expansion of its plant at Cumbernauld, near Glasgow, which will create 119 jobs over the next three years, while Kohdensha is to invest £6.5 million in a new plant at Dunfermline, Fife, which will create 87 jobs over four years.

The move was announced in Tokyo today by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, who is on a tour of Japan to promote Scotland as a location for inward investment. Both companies are increasing their presence in Scotland as a spin-off of a £10 million investment announced last year by Canon, the electronics group, at Glenrothes, Fife.

Kohdensha, which is part of Mitsubishi, will make circuit boards for Canon printers, and Tenna, which set up an operation at Cumbernauld five years ago, will make other printer components. Mr Forsyth hailed the move as a vote of confidence for Scotland which would reinforce its international electronics reputation.

API makes cash call for £20m purchase

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY



Michael Smith, API's chief executive, surprised the City

API, the international plastics, foil and coatings group, has bought the specialist film and packaging group Learyod for £20 million. The acquisition will be funded from the proceeds of a £37 million share issue (Fraser Nelson writes).

The move, which took the City by surprise, came as API announced record pre-tax profits of £4.22 million (£3.31 million) for the six months to March 30, on sales of £58.2

Breweries 'will keep tied sales'

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

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Operating profit	£1,311m	£1,134m	+16%
Pre-tax profit	£1,341m	£844m	+59%
Pre-tax profit excluding exceptional items	£1,262m	£1,144m	+10%
Earnings per share	27.5p	11.5p	+139%
Earnings per share excluding exceptional items	26.4p	23.6p	+12%
Dividend for the year	10.00p	9.05p	+10%

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# Equities extend their losses

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High	Low	Company	Price	Change	Yield	PE
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>						
14.50	14.20	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	14.35	-0.10		15.2
<b>BANKS</b>						
1.20	1.15	BANKS	1.18	-0.05		12.5
<b>BREWERIES, PUBS &amp; REST</b>						
1.50	1.45	BREWERIES, PUBS & REST	1.48	-0.05		18.0
<b>DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS</b>						
2.50	2.40	DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS	2.45	-0.10		15.0
<b>ENGINEERING VEHICLES</b>						
1.80	1.75	ENGINEERING VEHICLES	1.78	-0.05		14.0
<b>FOOD MANUFACTURERS</b>						
1.60	1.55	FOOD MANUFACTURERS	1.58	-0.05		16.0
<b>ELECTRICITY</b>						
1.30	1.25	ELECTRICITY	1.28	-0.05		13.0
<b>ELECTRONIC &amp; ELECT</b>						
1.10	1.05	ELECTRONIC & ELECT	1.08	-0.05		14.0
<b>BUILDING &amp; CONSTRUCT</b>						
1.40	1.35	BUILDING & CONSTRUCT	1.38	-0.05		15.0
<b>LEISURE &amp; HOTELS</b>						
1.20	1.15	LEISURE & HOTELS	1.18	-0.05		13.0
<b>MINING</b>						
1.50	1.45	MINING	1.48	-0.05		16.0
<b>PHARMACEUTICALS</b>						
1.80	1.75	PHARMACEUTICALS	1.78	-0.05		18.0
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>						
1.30	1.25	SUPPORT SERVICES	1.28	-0.05		14.0
<b>PRINTING &amp; PAPER</b>						
1.10	1.05	PRINTING & PAPER	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>PROPERTY</b>						
1.40	1.35	PROPERTY	1.38	-0.05		15.0
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS</b>						
1.20	1.15	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1.18	-0.05		14.0
<b>TEXTILES &amp; APPAREL</b>						
1.10	1.05	TEXTILES & APPAREL	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>OIL &amp; GAS</b>						
1.30	1.25	OIL & GAS	1.28	-0.05		14.0
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL</b>						
1.20	1.15	OTHER FINANCIAL	1.18	-0.05		13.0
<b>RETAILERS FOOD</b>						
1.10	1.05	RETAILERS FOOD	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>RETAILERS GENERAL</b>						
1.20	1.15	RETAILERS GENERAL	1.18	-0.05		13.0
<b>WATER</b>						
1.10	1.05	WATER	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET</b>						
1.10	1.05	ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET	1.08	-0.05		13.0
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1.10	1.05	INDEX-LINKED	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>SHORTS (under 5 years)</b>						
1.10	1.05	SHORTS (under 5 years)	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>LONGS (over 15 years)</b>						
1.10	1.05	LONGS (over 15 years)	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>UNDATED</b>						
1.10	1.05	UNDATED	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>MEDIA</b>						
1.10	1.05	MEDIA	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>INSURANCE</b>						
1.10	1.05	INSURANCE	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>HOUSEHOLD GOODS</b>						
1.10	1.05	HOUSEHOLD GOODS	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>						
1.10	1.05	HEALTHCARE	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>ENGINEERING</b>						
1.10	1.05	ENGINEERING	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>CHEMICALS</b>						
1.10	1.05	CHEMICALS	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>DISTRIBUTORS</b>						
1.10	1.05	DISTRIBUTORS	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>INVESTMENT TRUSTS</b>						
1.10	1.05	INVESTMENT TRUSTS	1.08	-0.05		13.0
<b>MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)</b>						
1.10	1.05	MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)	1.08	-0.05		13.0



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# Names' recoveries not part of Lloyd's trust

Society of Lloyd's v Woodard and Another

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor  
[Judgment May 17]

Litigation recoveries of names at Lloyd's did not form part of the trust which consisted of moneys belonging to or becoming payable to a name in connection with underwriting business.

A proposed amendment to the trust so as to catch the litigation recoveries to the extent of the names' indebtedness to Lloyd's was not a valid exercise of the power to amend as it was inconsistent with the commercial purpose of the trust deeds.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on an originating summons issued by the Society of Lloyd's against David Laurence Woodard and Antony Frederick John Wilson.

Lloyd's sought the determination of whether the clause 2(a) provisions referred to in paragraph 1 of the schedule to each relevant deed as varied on March 2, 1995 by the Council of Lloyd's in exercise of its power to amend conferred on it by clause 22 of each relevant deed, were, having regard to the true construction of that power and in the events which had happened, valid.

Mr Jules Sher, QC, Mr John Child and Miss Joanne Wickes for Lloyd's; Mr Sydney Kenridge, QC, Mr Nicholas Warren, QC and Mr Paul Newman for the names; Mr Richard Lowe, solicitor, for the second defendant.

**THE VICE-CHANCELLOR** said that some names at Lloyd's who had suffered substantial underwriting losses had succeeded in recovering damages from members' agents, managing agents and syndicate auditors. Some of these

names had duly discharged their indebtedness to Lloyd's incurred in respect of their underwriting losses.

Many, however, had not and Lloyd's had had to draw on its own funds to meet the insurance liabilities of those who either could not or would not provide the funds to meet their liabilities. It was not unusual for Lloyd's to ensure that the litigation recoveries were applied in or towards the discharge of any outstanding indebtedness of the litigants to Lloyd's.

One of the features of the arrangements under which names carried on their underwriting business was that each name was required to exercise a trust deed, known as a premiums trust deed. Lloyd's and the names' members were the other parties to the deed.

Clause 2(a)(i) provided that "the trust fund shall consist of... all premiums... now belonging or payable or hereafter at any time belonging or becoming payable to the name in connection with the underwriting".

Clause 22 gave power to the Council of Lloyd's to "revoke and determine the trusts hereby constituted or (subject always to the prior approval of the secretary of state) vary or amend all or any of them or any of the provisions thereof in which manner as the council think fit".

Lloyd's primary contention was that the litigation recoveries were caught by clause 2(a)(i) in that they were "moneys... belonging to or becoming payable to the name in connection with the underwriting".

However, that argument had been rejected by Mr Justice Saville in *Napier v Kershaw* (unreported, May 14, 1992) whose judgment was approved by the Court of Appeal in *Lloyd's v Morris* ([1993] 2 All ER 217), a case that decided that the proceeds of stop loss policies

affected by names were not caught by clause 2(a)(i).

Lloyd's contended that *Napier v Kershaw* was wrong, that the Court of Appeal's approval in *Lloyd's v Morris* was merely obiter and not binding. Alternatively, it was a decision on a point of construction of a document and therefore not binding but only persuasive on an issue of construction of another similar document.

His Lordship disagreed. The relevant passage to the Court of Appeal's judgment in *Lloyd's v Morris* constituted the ratio decidendi of the case and was binding on him.

As to construction, the point about the Lloyd's premium trust deeds was that they were all in the same common form. They were not merely similar. The factual matrix in the context of which each trust deed had to be construed would be exactly the same as the factual matrix applicable to every other trust deed.

A decision on the true construction of words in one trust deed was not, in his Lordship's opinion, capable of being distinguished from a case in which the same words in another trust deed were being construed and a decision on construction of a document was a decision on a point of law, not a decision on facts.

It followed that a decision of the Court of Appeal on the true meaning of clause 2(a)(i) of a premium trust deed was binding on courts of first instance before which an issue of construction of premium trust deeds in the same form arose.

The Master of the Rolls' judgment in *Lloyd's v Morris* expressly accepted the reasoning of Mr Justice Saville in *Lloyd's v Kershaw*. It followed that his Lordship was bound to accept and follow Mr Justice Saville's conclusion that litigation recoveries were not caught by clause 2(a)(i) of the premium trust deeds.

In any event, and apart from the obligation to follow binding authority, his Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Saville's conclusions.

In addition Lloyd's had purposed to exercise their power of amendment under clause 22 adding a new subclause (d) to clause 2 whereby the litigation recoveries became to the extent of the names' indebtedness to Lloyd's, if any, part of the trust fund.

The names protested that the power of amendment conferred on Lloyd's by clause 22 was never intended to be used for the purpose of adding to the trust fund assets outside those which the conduct of the names' underwriting business had generated.

There were no words limiting the scope of the power to "vary or amend all or any of... the provisions" of the trust deed. But it was accepted that any amendment made under the clause 22 power had to be consistent with the commercial purpose of the trust deeds.

The prime commercial purpose of each premium trust deed was to ensure that the business receipts of the syndicate underwriting business that the managing agent was conducting, for example, the premiums received from policy holders, the proceeds of syndicate reinsurance policies, the proceeds of reinsurance policies, the proceeds of litigation recoveries, were available to meet the losses and expenses of the name's underwriting business.

If, and whenever, it was thought that the trust fund held under any trust deed was inadequate, there were ample contractual or statutory powers vested in one or more of Lloyd's members' agents and the managing agent to require the names to supplement the assets in the trust fund or the Lloyd's central fund or otherwise. But each of

these methods would require, if the name was unable or unwilling to pay, litigation and court orders.

All of the assets falling automatically within the trust fund were assets generated from time to time in the conduct of the underwriting business. The amendments, however, purported to add a specific existing asset, limited to the amount of a name's existing current Lloyd's indebtedness, to the trust fund.

Those amendments would, if valid, enable and cause the trust deed to serve an additional and different purpose to its prime commercial purpose. The additional purpose would be that of enabling Lloyd's to obtain, without the consent of the name and unilaterally, security for an existing indebtedness over the assets belonging to the names and specified in the amendment.

His Lordship had no criticism whatsoever of Lloyd's belief that litigation recoveries, ought, in fairness to other names who had duly discharged their debts to Lloyd's, have contributed to the central fund from which the defaulting names' liabilities had been met, to be applied by the names entitled thereto in discharge of any existing indebtedness to Lloyd's that those names might have.

Lloyd's had ample contractual powers to call upon the names in question to make their litigation recoveries available for that purpose. But what Lloyd's had done was to attempt to create a trust fund outside the need for cooperation by the names or the risk of the need of litigation and court orders.

As sometimes happened to those who took short cuts, Lloyd's had lost their way and failed to reach their objective. Their chosen route had involved what was a misuse of the clause 22 amending power.

Solicitors: Simmons & Simmons; Richards Butler, S. J. Berwin & Co.

# Reinsurers liable when sum payable ascertained

Charter Reinsurance Co Ltd v Fagan and Others

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Griffiths, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill and Lord Hoffmann  
[Speeches May 23]

For members of Lloyd's syndicates to be liable under a reinsurance contract which provided in the ultimate net loss clause for payment for "the sum actually paid", it was sufficient that the claim against which the reinsurance was to indemnify them had been established and it was not necessary to have been actually paid.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal brought by Charter Reinsurance Co Ltd and other members of Lloyd's Syndicates 540 and 542 for the 1989 and 1990 underwriting years of account, against the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (*The Times* November 6, 1995) by a majority (Lord Justice Staughton dissenting) of the decision of Mr Justice Alderson on July 5, 1995 that they were liable under reinsurance contracts with the reinsured, Charter Reinsurance Co Ltd, despite the fact that Charter was in provisional liquidation and unable to pay its debts.

The reinsurance contracts provided, *inter alia*: "The reinsurers shall only be liable if and when the ultimate net loss sustained by the reinsured... exceeds... (i) The sum net loss shall mean the sum actually paid by the reinsured in settlement of losses or liability...".

Mr Jonathan Stumpson, QC, Mr Robert Hildyard, QC and Mr Stephen Rennie for the syndicates; Mr Sydney Kenridge, QC, Mr John Rowland and Mr Andrew Welsh for Charter.

**LORD MUSTILL** said that the syndicates did not dispute that all the requirements of a valid claim against them by Charter were satisfied. The only issue was whether Charter had not caused an action under the reinsurance.

The practical importance of the issue, if sound, was obvious and its implications had been multiplied by the levels of financial difficulty experienced in the London insurance market in recent years. Across the market as a whole very large sums depended upon it, and the litigation from which the appeal stemmed had been brought in practice, if not in form, a test case.

The case for the syndicates was that the words "actually paid" created a condition precedent that Charter should have paid under the original policies before the syndicates had any liability. If the

expression had a natural and ordinary meaning, effect should be given to it. By no stretch of language could it be extended to cover a situation in which Charter had not even a disbursement, actual or even notional, and would never do so.

Initially, his Lordship had thought that the meaning of the words was quite clear and that the complexities and mysteries of the specialist insurance market had hidden the obvious solution and had led the courts below to abjure the simple and right answer and to force on the words a meaning which they could not possibly bear.

However, this was an occasion when a first impression and a simple answer no longer seemed the best, since his Lordship realised that the focus of the argument was too narrow. The words had to be set in the landscape of the instrument as a whole. Once that was done, the shape of the policy and the purpose of the terms became quite clear.

Four essential features of the insurance were quite clear and they were dispositive against the measure of indemnity: the duration of the cover; and the premium. What mattered was the group of provisions which established the measure of indemnity, once a loss by an insured peril had taken place. His Lordship would break those down as follows:

(i) Clause 2(a) fixed the level at £5,000,000 at which the financial prejudice suffered by Charter under the policies in consequence of a loss by a peril insured under the policy caused a liability to attach.

(ii) Clause 2(b) incorporated into the scheme of the policy four sets of layered specific insurances identified in the schedule. When an event occurred which was a peril insured under one of those sets of insurances and also under the policy the limits of all the insurances comprising that account had to be exceeded before any indemnity began to fall under the policy.

(iii) Clause 2(c) gave meaning to clause 2(a) by defining ultimate net loss and made clear that the syndicates were not to pay losses gross, but that there was to be netting down for recoveries, salvage, etc. when ascertaining whether, and if so by how much, the relevant liabilities of Charter crossed the boundary into the layer covered by the policy.

(iv) Clause 2(d) elaborated clause 2(c) by making it clear that the fixing of an ultimate net loss in respect of any set of linked losses was provisional, in the sense that the amount of it, and hence its impact on that layer of insurance was to be open to re-computation if and when items of the identified description subsequently accrued to the benefit of Charter.

(v) The proviso in the second part of clause 2(a) emphasised that even though the computation of an ultimate net loss was provisional, if it yielded a figure breaching the bottom of the layer insured under the policy it would then be recoverable even if a subsequent re-calculation might lead to an upward or downward adjustment.

(vi) Clause 2(e) ensured that the calculation of the ultimate net loss under clause 2(a) did not involve a deduction of the liabilities on the underlying layers, so as to diminish the possibility of a recovery on the layer covered by the policy.

Analyzed in that way, the policy showed that it required the satisfaction of only two conditions before an indemnity fell due.

First, that an insured event occurred within the period of the policy and second that the event produced a loss to Charter of a degree sufficient, when ultimately worked out, to bring the particular layer of reinsurance into play.

That reading accorded without strain the words "if and when" in clause 2(a); for they were not to impose an additional condition of time but with arithmetic, at which the figures for the ultimate net loss reached the appropriate level.

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Those were far from the ordinary meanings of the words, and they might be far reaching in the meanings which they would have had in other policies, and particularly in first-tier policies of reinsurance.

But their Lordships were called upon to interpret them in a very specialised form of reinsurance, and his Lordship was now satisfied that, as Mr Justice Alderson had said at first instance, the words in question did not have the purpose of introducing a temporal precondition to recovery in the form of disbursement or other satisfaction of the precise net commitment between Charter and the reinsured, but were there "for the purpose of measurement".

Lord Goff, Lord Griffiths and Lord Browne-Wilkinson agreed and Lord Hoffmann delivered a concurring speech.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; Davies Arnold Cooper.

# Pregnancy exclusion is not sex discrimination

Secretary of State for Employment v Clark

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Morritt and Mr Justice Tucker  
[Judgment May 15]

The exclusion of women absent from work because of pregnancy from the categories of employees specified in paragraph 2(b) of Schedule 3 to the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, who were entitled to payment in lieu of notice, did not breach article 119 of the EC Treaty and, therefore, did not constitute discrimination on the ground of sex.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for Employment from the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Mummery, Miss J. W. Colson and Lord Gwynne of Clee) (*The Times* April 7, 1995; [1995] ICR 673). The EAT had allowed an appeal by the applicant, Mrs Angela Clark, from the dismissal by a Birmingham industrial tribunal of her application for a payment in lieu of notice.

The applicant, who was entitled to 12 weeks notice, was on maternity leave when her employer went into liquidation. She brought a claim against the secretary of state under section 122 of the 1978 Act for the payment of the difference between the amount of the maternity pay which she had received and a normal week's pay which, she claimed, she was entitled to for the period of her notice. When that

was refused she made a complaint to the industrial tribunal.

Section 122 specified debts of an employer for which the secretary of state was liable on the insolvency of an employer and included an amount which the employer was liable to pay the employee for a period of notice.

Paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 provides: "(1) If... (a) the employee is ready and willing to work but no work is provided for him by his employer; or (b) the employee is incapable of work because of sickness or injury... the employer shall be liable... to pay the employee a payment in lieu of notice."

Article 119 defined "pay" as the "ordinary basic or minimum wage or salary and any other consideration... which the worker receives, directly or indirectly, in respect of his employment from his employer".

The secretary of state did not accept, however, that payments in lieu of notice made by him pursuant to section 122 were "pay" within the meaning of article 119. It was submitted that when such sums were paid by the secretary of state under section 122 there was no sufficient link between the employment relationship and the payment made.

The applicant, on the other hand, supported the decision of the EAT on the effect of article 119 but also argued that she could base her claim on paragraph 2(b)(ii) of Schedule 3 to the 1978 Act.

The three principal issues were: (i) whether the applicant could rely on paragraph 2(b)(ii); (ii) whether any payments by the secretary of state under section 122 would constitute "pay" within the meaning of article 119; and (iii) whether, if the first issue were decided against the applicant, but the second in her favour, the provisions in paragraph 2(b)(ii) constituted discrimination.

The argument of the applicant on the first issue was that the words "incapable of work because of sickness" in paragraph 2(b)(ii) should be construed so as to include incapacity because of pregnancy.

His Lordship was unable to accept that argument because (i) pregnancy could not sensibly be described as an illness; (ii) the contrast between illness and pregnancy was recognised elsewhere in the 1978 Act, and (iii) the decision in *Case C-32/93 Webb v EMO Air Cargo (UK) Ltd* ([1994] ICR 770).

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The provisions that were made then became a separate code. The code provided pregnant women with special protection but when in receipt of payments under that code they were not to be regarded as "pay" within article 119.

His Lordship was satisfied that the provisions in paragraph 2(b)(ii) constituted discrimination on the ground of sex.

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OPERA David Leveaux, Harold Pinter's favourite director, turns his theatrical talents on a new Salome for ENO



THEATRE 1 The prolific playwright Peter Whelan scores again with The Herbal Bed, his latest for the RSC

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OPERA: Andy Lavender talks to director David Leveaux about Salome, sex and keeping a low profile

Invisible man lifts the veil

Somebody once said to me, 'How many times are you going to be rediscovered?' David Leveaux recalls. Leveaux is 38 years old and (if you have not yet discovered him) is a theatre and opera director. He first came to notice at the age of 24 with an award-winning production of Eugene O'Neill's A Moon for the Misbegotten in London. He was invited to direct the play for the American Repertory Theatre; the new production transferred to Broadway and further awards followed. Since then he has dipped in and out of the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company, London's West End and prestigious theatres in countries as far apart as America, Turkey and Japan.

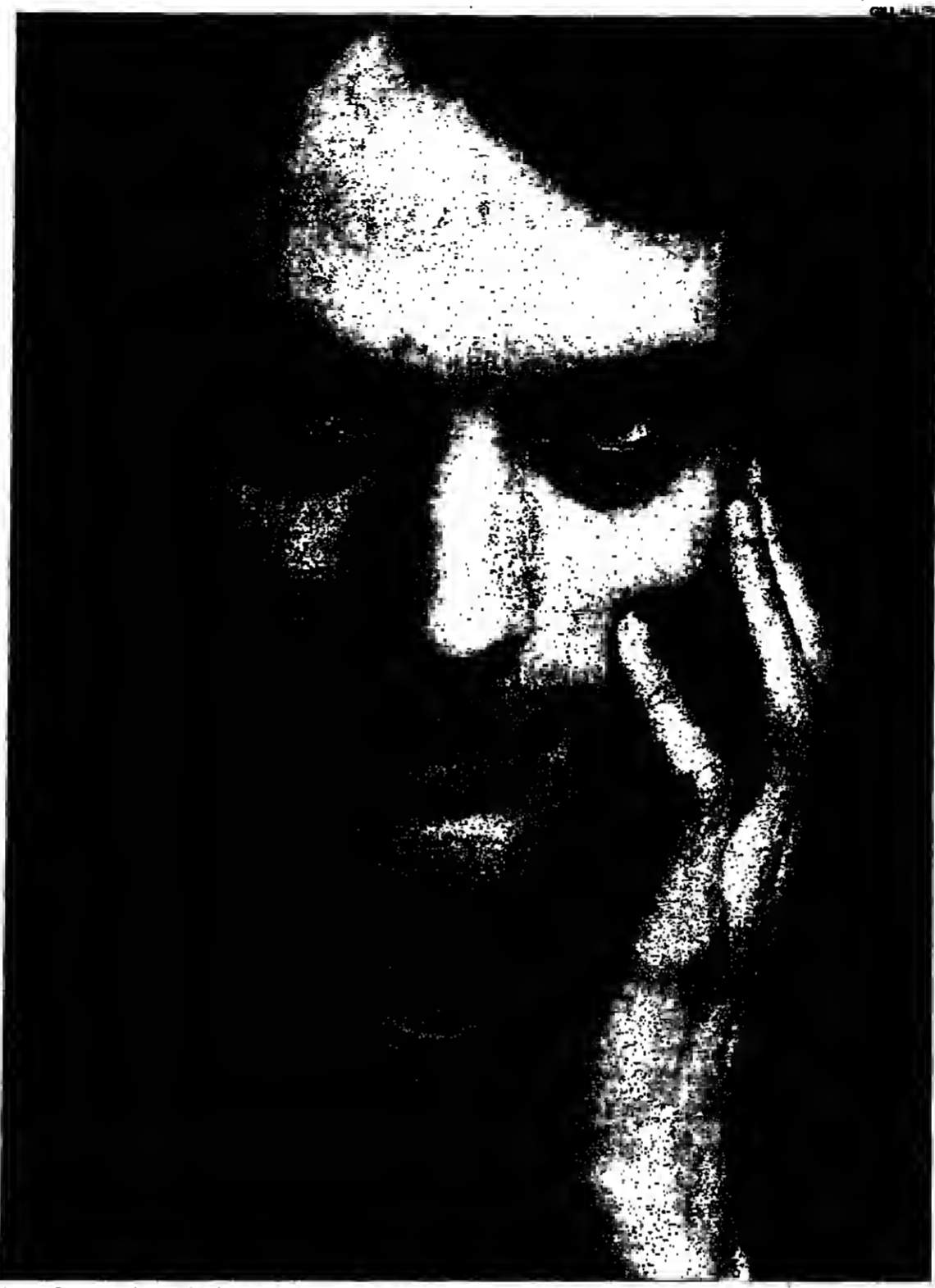
Some kinds of decadence don't seem resonant any more

direct Salome it wouldn't involve some kind of biblical epic. Leveaux insists that he is not a "concept" director, fixing the production even before he has met the performers in the rehearsal room. "If I do have a style," he says after some thought, "it's to do with trying to locate the unconscious pulses that cause a scene to move in a certain way, and bring those to the surface."

What better approach could there be for Salome, given the text's cocktail of eroticism and violence? The story is familiar: John the Baptist has been imprisoned in the palace of Herod. When the Tetrarch begs his stepdaughter, Salome, to dance for him, she agrees, on condition that he deliver to her the head of the fascinating but disquieting prophet. So much for the plot. The unconscious pulses racing beneath it are to do with paedophilic desire, sexual awakening, beauty, blasphemy and apocalypse. One critic rather sniffily described the play as "decadent purple, a symbolist extravaganza". But what purple, Wilde might have observed.

"In the Wildean sense you can understand the play as being a philosophical and erotic investigation of the pursuit of beauty and the pursuit of love," says Leveaux. "It's homosexual literature. But Strauss, this pillar of bourgeois propriety, why did he approach this story? I guess that, like Wilde, he was asking, 'What is the nature of innocence? What is the nature of sin?'"

"Strauss has transferred it to opera with staggering fidelity, and then taken it further. You don't feel that this is a play that has somehow been diminished by the addition of music." Wilde's play was produced in Paris in 1896, although it was banned in this country and only received its first public performance here in 1929. Strauss's opera was written in 1905. The piece does have a turn-of-the-century flavour. It is also, Leveaux suggests, appropriate to our own fin de siècle — not in any forced sense of "relevance", but in its psychological undercurrents. "It's a kind of neurotic piece," he says. "We're living in



The Pimpernel of British theatre, David Leveaux: "I don't have some cultish desire to be utterly secret"

neurotic times, where the desire for redemption is so potent that a story about a young woman whom we desire and yet who does something absolutely unforgivable is very concrete. The designer, Leveaux's longstanding collaborator Vicki Morimer, has provided "a black wall standing in black space". The set indicates Leveaux's stripped-down approach. "Some kinds of sensual decadence don't seem to me to be particularly resonant any more," he says. "One just wants to look at what actually

happens in the opera — so we've removed at least six of the seven veils, as it were. We don't have a Dance of the Seven Veils." Leveaux declines to describe what Kristine Ciesinski, who plays Salome, will present instead, being content to observe that, "once you get to some kind of human nakedness, that's when revelation begins now". Phrases like this indicate Leveaux's confidence. For the past three years he has been artistic director of Theatre Project Tokyo, a company he formed in order to mingle Eastern

and Western theatre experiences more extensively than is usually the case when a West End director jets off to Japan. This means spending up to five months a year directing three productions in Tokyo. Now that TPT has established itself, he is contemplating a return of sorts to Europe. "I don't have some cultish desire to be utterly secret," he says. Not that Leveaux needs rediscovering all over again. Just noticing a little more frequently. ● Salome opens tomorrow at the Coliseum (0171-632 8300)

Painting by French numbers

TUESDAY night's offering from the Philharmonia in the "Après l'Après-midi" series featured three masterpieces but juxtaposed them with two other intriguing scores that filled out the picture of 20th-century French composition. The early evening concert was devoted to the world premiere of Sigrancia Ballade by Betsy Jolas.

Jolas was born in France, and, as pupil and subsequently colleague of Messiaen, is a significant figure in the musical establishment. The work was introduced in a platform discussion between Jolas and John Amis, but not a lot was given away. Nor was Jolas willing to give much help with the text, which was impenetrable as only the French know how. The verb "marcher" loomed large and a walking motif stalked the work. David Wilson-Johnson delivered the text with characteristic brio, but the task of communication was an uphill one.

Rather more engaging was Henri Dutilleul's Timbres, espace, mouvement, which deploys an unusual orchestral layout to superb effect. Violins and violas are absent, which paradoxically draws attention to treble-range parts (provided by wind and brass), separated as they are from the well-delineated bass lines (12 cellos,

Philharmonia/Tortelier Festival Hall

who have an interlude to themselves). That special sense is the "espace" of the title, while the "mouvement" refers to the wind and brass textures that conjure the whirling, turbulent night sky of Van Gogh's La nuit étoilée (The Starry Night), the work's subtitle.

If this was far more than tone painting, so too was Yan Pascal Tortelier's reading of Debussy's La mer. He lost no time in whipping up the stormy winds of the last movement, yet the vividness of the drama seemed to betoken an agitated psychological state rather than mere pictorialism. Similarly dramatic — almost operatic — was Tortelier's exhilarating account of the second suite from Ravel's Daphnis et Chloé, with full-blooded contributions from the Philharmonia Chorus. Ravel's Piano Concerto in D for the left hand was also given an extrovert performance, with Jean-Philippe Collard a demonstrative soloist.

BARRY MILLINGTON

An inspired hand

THE fluent clarity that Esa-Pekka Salonen brings to the most complex of works makes his reputation as an excellent conductor of difficult music easy to understand. But it was reassuring to hear the same qualities in his performances of standard repertory at the Barbican on Tuesday: he gave freshly-inspiring accounts of works by Prokofiev, Beethoven and Strauss.

Salonen was visiting with "his" Stockholm Chamber Orchestra — he is artistic director — and their rapport paid dividends. Prokofiev's Classical Symphony revealed the orchestra's sound, which is based on warm, resonant strings and characterful winds. The group functions — like Scandinavian furniture — with efficiency and style. But the players did not lack humour in the Gavotte, or the infectious high spirits called for in the whirling Finale.

A modest-sized orchestra

Stockholm CO/Salonen Barbican

like this is ideally suited to Beethoven's early Piano Concerto No 2, and in the finale his players were easily able to match the spiky dance rhythms of Yefim Bronfman at the keyboard. He proved an invigorating soloist, by turns poetic and powerful.

In Strauss's Metamorphosen for 23 solo strings, no star stood out, which helped to preserve the sense of this being a multilayered chamber work. Salonen shaped Strauss's 1945 dirge for a lost Munich with spiritual intensity. Grief and anger turned to resignation as the spring at the work's centre was released with unforced naturalness.

JOHN ALLISON

THEATRE: Shakespeare's daughter defends her name in Peter Whelan's latest; plus, insight into the Russian soul

In 1613 Susanna Shakespeare, daughter of the more famous Will and married to a Stratford physician, sued a young gentleman for slander. He had publicly accused her of having "the running of the reynes", ie, gonorrhoea, and that she had "been naughty", ie, lascivious, with a haberdasher of the town, one Rafe South.

This is known because the case went to the Consistory Court at Worcester Cathedral, where the archives survive. Not a great deal more is known about the case or the people involved, though Susanna's husband, Dr John Hall, kept a detailed casebook of his treatments, many of whose ingredients he grew in his own herb garden.

Peter Whelan sets his latest play on a paved courtyard midway between this garden and the room where the doctor mixes the medicines. The rear wall of the stage (design: Robert Jones) is a towering fence of wattle and daub, across which an episcopal curtain is drawn for the scene in Worcester.

The absorbing play that Whelan has created, by allowing facts and imagination to combine, satisfies the human curiosity to know what might lie behind the bare statements of a legal document. How did the accusation come about? Was there any truth in it?

In looking for a persuasive answer Whelan creates a group of individuals whose interlocking lives have the blood of reality pulsing through them. Even more successfully than in his play about Marlowe, The School of Night, Whelan brings a bygone age to life.

Michael Attenborough is a director who can inspire his cast to create details of appearance, movement and interaction that make them seem current with their characters.

Suit of her honour The Herbal Bed The Other Place, Stratford

The trickiest task falls to Teresa Banham (Susanna), who must present respect for her husband and (mostly) frustrated love for Rafe, while at the same time show that she

is essentially good. Banham gives reality to Whelan's portrait of a complex, inhumanly moral being.

Susanna endures anxiety; others suffer pain. Liam Cunningham's Dr Hall, wrenching his attention from the sickness outside his house to that within; Joseph Fiennes's Rafe, choking in the turbulence of desire and religious belief. Further from the centre are David Tennant, the confused rakehell, and Jay McInnes's equivocating servant, Hester. Stephen Boxer's Puritan inquisitor thrillingly racks the tension in the courtroom scene. Will Shakespeare is just about to make his entrance, dying, when the play ends.

JEREMY KINGSTON

A loose grasp on reality

Claustrophobia Nottingham Playhouse

Since the Wall came down and the Iron Curtain was raised, Lev Dodin's dazzling Maly Drama Theatre Company has been welcomed with open arms worldwide. In 1994 the troupe brought five celebrated productions to Britain, among them Stars in the Morning Sky and The Cherry Orchard. Now comes the chance, not to be missed, to catch Claustrophobia. Funny, surreal, bleak or hopeful, this is an extraordinary vision of the Russian soul, an expressionistic picture of Eastern Europeans in the Nineties.

Everything happens in a

practice bar where a ballet class warms up. Room 319 is where the young students of the Maly Drama Theatre School are taught to act, improvise, create new worlds.

Dodin's young actors and actresses take on a mass of characters. They might be inmates in a detention camp, the homeless seeking shelter in a church, institutionalised lunatics, army officers, or former drama students simply wandering into an old dance studio.

The company portrays people in flux, caught between — or escaping into — the past and the future. These people come under different influences: capitalist, communist, Christian, neat spirits, high spirits. They confuse hard facts and fictions, enjoy new freedoms but also crave the old dictated securities.

At once vastly imaginative and masterfully controlled, Dodin's cast seamlessly merges dramatic dialogue with modern ballet or a burst of jazz. A disillusioned down-and-out's speech slides into a monotonous aria; folk chorusing changes into the chugging of a train packed with Soviet recruits or perhaps social rebels. Apart from the significance of the odd scene being hard to decode, not helped by the split focus of surtitles, this piece is richly suggestive and powerfully absorbing. The ensemble playing is superb, the emotional intensity strong.

KATE BASSETT

● Claustrophobia, hosted by a small consortium of theatres and supported by Barclays Stage Partners and the Arts Council of England among others, tours to Glasgow's Tronway and the Lyric, Hammersmith

Richard Cork selects highlights from the National Gallery exhibition

Degas commenced this picture by reworking an earlier canvas, obliterating the dancer who once filled the centre of the composition. The figures have been pushed to the sides, leaving the floor surprisingly empty. Light spreads across it from a distant window, but the rehearsal room remains dim. The four ballerinas practising at the upper edge are blurred, their limbs brushed in loosely by a painter no longer concerned with meticulous detail.

The older he grew, the more Degas simplified his technique. He aimed at conveying the essence of a scene, and the four figures are defined with the utmost economy. The sprightliness of their upturned legs is contrasted with the languor of the two dancers in the



"A tender poetry": Before the ballet, c.1890-92. National Gallery of Art, Washington

foreground. Weary after rehearsing, they rest and attend to their own bodies. Degas catches them off-guard, absorbed in their own activities. He makes no attempt to romanticise their hard-working lives. But their

surroundings are reduced to a hazy veil of colour, applied with fingers as much as brushes. The sensuousness of his mark-making, combined with the soft colours he favours throughout the

painting, give it a subdued, tender poetry. ● Degas: Beyond Impressionism is at the National Gallery until Aug 26 (tickets from First Call, 0171-420 0000) ● Monday: Combing the hair (c. 1896-1900)

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Violent images and a shuffling hip-hop beat in *Return of the Real*, the latest release by gangsta rapper Ice T



POP 2

After the runaway success of her recent single, it's only business as usual for Gabrielle on her new album

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POP 3

Peter Perrett, the man whose songs evoke seedy glamour and strange agonies, is back with a new group



POP 4

Sinéad O'Connor joins Bono and Christy Moore on *Common Ground*, a collection of Irish songs

Something really nasty in the T

NEW RELEASES: David Sinclair on albums by Ice T and Peter Perrett, and a slice of single cheese from Mike Flowers

ICE T: *Return of the Real* (Priority/Rhyme Syndicate/Virgin 7243 8 41700) OF ALL the gangsta rap acts, Ice T has made the greatest impression on the British mainstream. As author, actor and presenter of *Boodass TV* (which returns to Channel 4 tonight), he has become an articulate figurehead for an American strand of black consciousness that many people find distasteful at best.

For while the fictional representation of violence in literature and film is part of an established tradition, the use of music as a vehicle for such purposes still strikes a disturbing chord. On *Pimp Anthem*, for instance, the frequently repeated refrain of "Bitches get my money before you get dropped" is accompanied by a woman's scream and the sound of a fist hitting a face. The effect of the imagery is all the more chilling for the casual way in which it is linked to a shuffling hip-hop beat. The oft-repeated message that these ugly tales of life in South Central LA are an accurate reflection of reality — a point rammed home on the title track — is, frankly, not reassuring.

That said, there is an undeniable poetic fluency to Ice T's grim rhymes, especially the autobiographical *I Must Stand* and, along with the everyday street sounds of squealing tyres and gunshots, the album is

distinguished by some supremely taut beats and bass loops. And if you look for it, *Return of the Real* is also leavened by a thin thread of black humour. Complaining with customary delicacy about the artistic interference which rap acts apparently endure from the "Jewish mother" who run their record companies, Ice comments: "Their s\*\*\* way off course/It's like me telling Johnny Cash how to sing about his horse."

GABRIELLE: *Gabrielle* (Go! Discs S28 724) THE long-running success of her superb single, *Give Me a Little More Time*, has fuelled considerable interest in Gabrielle's second album. Can there be more where that came from?

Sadly not. For, although this is another carefully crafted selection of conventional pop-soul songs with a light, upmarket sheen, the album is completely overshadowed by the grainy, pseudo-Stax production and inspired horn arrangement of that one atypical gem. Otherwise, it is business as usual.

The south London singer boasts a pleasing range of vocal tones, from meek and kittenish on *I Live in Hope*, to tough and husky on *If You Really Care*. But she confines herself to the one subject — affairs of the heart — with lyrics that tread familiar ground.

There are one or two good tunes, notably *There She Goes*, a song that would not have sounded out of place on the most recent Lloyd Cole album, but there is a disappointing lack of substance overall.

PETER PERRETT: *IN THE ONE* (*Woke Up Sticky*) (Demon FIEND 773) HAVING languished in dark places since the demise of the Only Ones in 1981, the wraith-like figure of Peter Perrett returns at the helm of a new group which he has halfheartedly christened the One. A vampiric personality, touched with a fragile and largely unrecognised genius, Perrett continues to write songs that evoke unsettling images of seedy glamour and hint at strange internal agonies. "Nodding out, while light/Shadowy figures approach with the night," he sings in his feverish, southern English croak on the poignant title track.

The album is very much cast in the image of the Only Ones and, as in the past, the musical setting often sounds a little too strait-laced to accommodate Perrett's otherworldly persona. But it is good to have him back, and his version of the old Ray Davies song *I'm Not Like Everybody Else* is spot on.

VARIOUS ARTISTS: *Common Ground* (EMI Premier 8 37691) FROM the inanities of the Eurovision Song Contest to the serious barometer of the *Billboard* World Music chart, where seven of this week's Top Ten albums are by Celtic acts, there is no escape, these days, from the pervasive legacy of the Irish musical tradition. Throwing his hat into this already crowded ring, producer and multi-instrumentalist Donal Lunny has assembled an all-star cast of Irish and Irish-related acts,



Speaking the unspeakable: Ice T explores some of the uglier aspects of LA life on *Return of the Real*

Wide awake Wener

A YEAR ago, Sleeper were enjoying the thrill of their first hit and launching a debut album that was to sell 150,000 copies. The band's singer and songwriter, Louise Wener, was being feted by the pop papers, where her sharp-witted comments filled their pages and her wide-eyed look adorned their covers. Now, with their new record, *The It Girl*, Sleeper are receiving a more muted reception.

Sleeper have changed, it is true, but not necessarily for the worse. Boisterous enthusiasm and rudimentary resources have made way for a more sophisticated style. Keyboards and an additional guitarist flesh out the sound of the original four-piece. There is now a

Sleeper UEA, Norwich

light show, where before there were just lights.

The songs, too, are part of the makeover. The infectious bounce of *Inbetweeners* is more sedate; the ribald *Delicious* seems more restrained. The new songs, meanwhile, show off their clever arrangements. *Shrinkwrapped* veers between gear-grinding guitar sounds and a gentle lilt; *Good Luck Mr Gorsky* drifts dreamily.

But the show still belongs to Wener. She patrols the middle of the stage; guitarist Jon Stewart and bassist David Osman stand quietly to the side. She exudes a quiet confidence as she refuses either pure pop irony or raw rock passion. It is a stance that recalls Debbie Harry, but it is a pity that Wener's voice sounds strained. She should treat herself to a backing singer.

Sleeper may never rediscover the heady days of their debut, but British pop is not so overendowed that it can ignore someone who writes lines about "Dostoevsky's household tips" and then introduces the song by saying, "This one is about knickers".

JOHN STREET

TOP TEN R&B ALBUMS table with 10 entries including The Score, Boyz of Swing, Swing Mix '96, etc.

SINGLE OF THE WEEK table with entry for THE MIKE FLOWERS POPS, Light My Fire/Please Release Me.

Young, gifted and slack

There are very few things in this world more exciting than a genuine Rock Moment — records and performances by bands that are saved from being acts of sheer insanity by the cathartic coolness of the act. I remember the Manic Street Preachers on stage two months before Richey disappeared, noses bleeding from feedback, holding their guitars and eyeing up their amps... 20 minutes later £8,000 of debris littered the Astoria. There are others: "Jane's Addiction's first album — it was 1990, everyone thought rock was dead. First four bars and it lived again. It was as simple as that. And Primal Scream at Glastonbury in 1992, just after *Screamadelica*

There are nice, safe, rock and pop bands. And then there is Pusherman

came out, doing *Step Inside This House*. The intro's got a whistle in it — I was just standing in a field, in the dark, listening to 60,000 people whistling. The girl next to me fainted so she said later on that she got so excited thinking about how great the rest of the song was going to sound that her brain overheated." And Pusherman's first gig. "We hired a warehouse, and charged everyone £3 to get in.



CAITLIN MORAN

We invited everyone we knew, told them to invite anyone they knew, and went up to complete strangers in pubs and clubs and invited them too. We thought we'd break even if 250 people turned up. We had a thousand. A great Rock Moment. We are sitting in a bar in King's Cross with Martin and Yank from Pusherman, discussing great Rock Moments because Pusherman's third single, *Chase It*, is one of them. Without even the courtesy of a "One, two, three, four" count-in, *Chase It* crashes straight in with a scuffling, bluesy riff that out-Zepplins Led Zeppelin, carries on at full tilt into the most monstrously hedonistic chart-bound song since Happy Mondays' *Wrote For Luck*, and finishes in a thrilling finale of harmonies and sheer noise that brings to mind the sound of two cold, dead planets colliding while drunk. "In order to write music that makes people want to have a good time, you have to be having a good time yourself, to experiment with different moods," Yank grins. "We thought we'd try recording naked, or in drag, on the floor. When we finished a track, we would set the speakers up outside, turn the volume up loud and roll around naked, screaming. Well, they all did that," he adds. "I thought it was a bit cold."

"They had the police out looking for him," Martin counters, gesturing at Yank. "When we recorded in Cornwall, Yank went wandering off to find a chip shop. Five hours later we realised he still hadn't come back, so we called out the police, had a helicopter and sniffer-dogs situation going on until dawn, whereupon Yank turned up with a head wound and no memory." "I'm being more sensible at the moment," Yank says, pointing to his mineral water.

So, with all these rock shenanigans going on, aren't Pusherman's parents horrified by their lifestyle? "Oh no," Martin says. "My dad's an actor — he's been in *The Bill* and, um — I dunno what else. He keeps really quiet, we never know what he does. You'll be sitting there watching *Casualty* and suddenly go, 'Wow, that mangled, bleeding leg — it's my dad's!' "He thinks the band's great. He rang up yesterday and said: 'I went to HMV in Hampstead, and they don't have a copy of the single, but then I went to Rhythm Records and asked for it and they instantly said 'CD or vinyl?' "He's saved us a fortune in market research." The single, *Chase It*, is out now on Ignition Records

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If you wish to be considered for appointment to the Council - or if you wish to propose a third party for appointment - please write, with biographical details, to Roger Gair, Head of Secretariat, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT by Friday 7 June 1996. An information sheet is available from Mr Gair (telephone: 0113 233 4011; e-mail: j.r.gair@registry.leeds.ac.uk).

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# EDUCATION

## How to make schools safe

**Susan Elkin offers solutions to the growing problem of dangerous intruders**

School security will be back in the news next week, as head teachers vent their anxieties about the state of their premises and their vulnerability in the face of aggressive and abusive adults.

The tragic deaths of Philip Lawrence, the head teacher who died protecting a pupil, and of Nicky Conroy, the schoolgirl shot dead while quietly at work in a school classroom, should have focused attention on the problem of how to keep intruders away from schools. Unfortunately they did not — or not enough.

Before last week's government report on the subject could be compiled, the school security timebomb, which has ticked menacingly for years, finally blew up. The deranged Thomas Hamilton ran amok and killed 16 infants and a teacher at Dunblane in March.

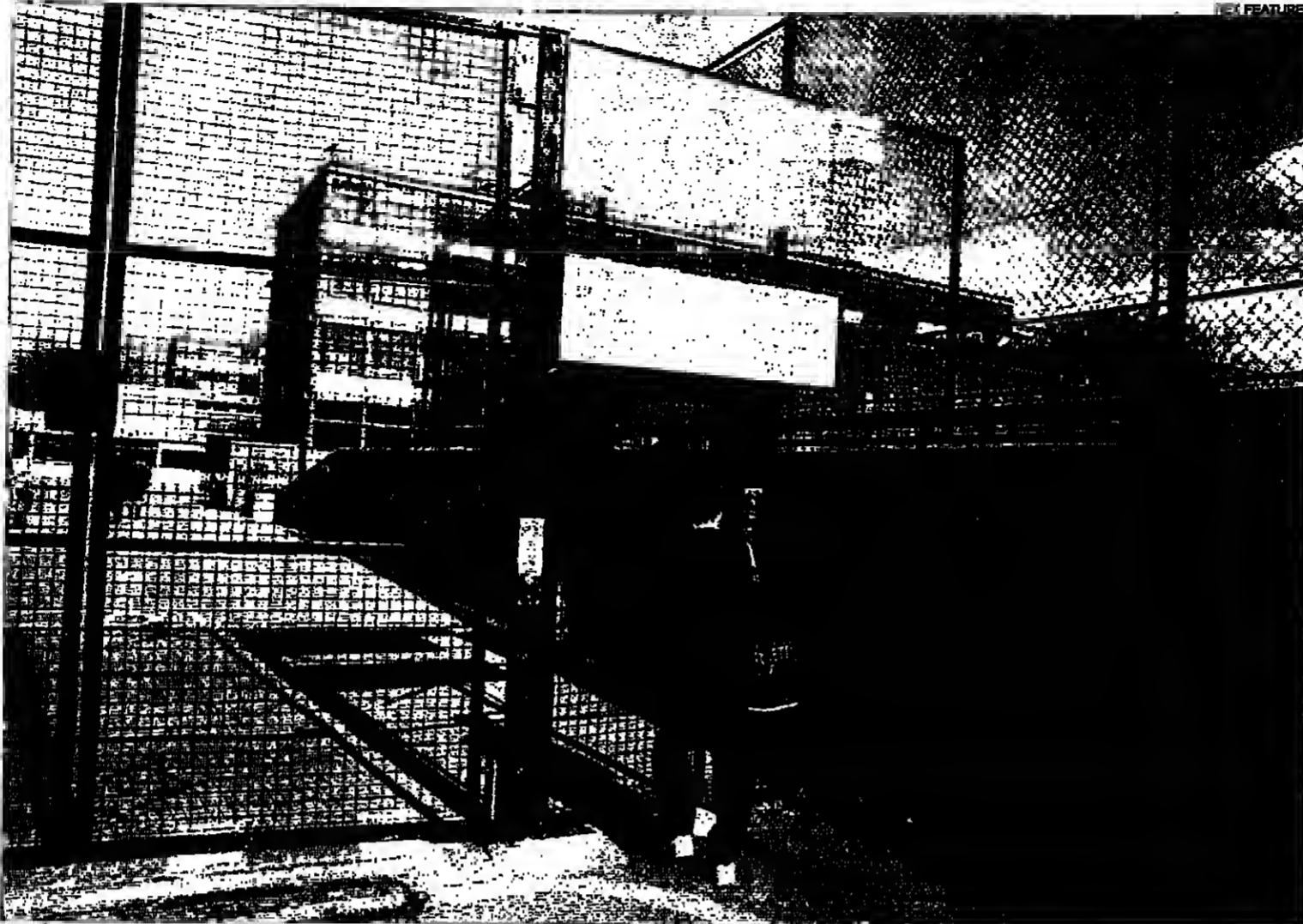
Less dramatic — but nonetheless serious — breaches of school security go on all the time. About four years ago, I had to drive an injured 60-year-old male colleague to hospital. Three young thugs had arrived, trespassing on our girls' school premises via the open side-door. Ron, a smallish, white-haired man, challenged the intruders. Their vicious attack left him on the ground, his face so badly bruised and bleeding that we feared for his left eye.

My office was near the ever-problematic side-door, in an out-of-the-way corner. On several occasions, outside visitors arrived unexpectedly at my door. Usually they were affable, having made a genuine error. On one or two occasions they were alarmingly aggressive. In the end, I never sat working in there with the door unlocked. If I was doubtful, I rang for reinforcements before I opened up.

I learnt a salutary lesson when I needed special protection one lunchtime when an aggrieved mother marched in to "sort me out". My crime? I had reprimanded her less-than-angelic daughter for misbehaviour.

Several schools in my area have suffered devastating arson attacks. Millions have had to be spent on refurbishment or rebuilding, simply because arsonists could walk on to school premises at will.

Then there is theft. It is quite common for thieves to wander into school in search of easy pickings



Is this the future for all schools? A high fence keeps out intruders at the Geoffrey Chaucer School in east London

during the working day. I taught in one school where people and property had to be protected by a security guard with an albatross during parents' evenings.

It is getting worse, for two reasons. First, criminal behaviour seems to be increasing at an alarming rate. Too many people have too little to do, and amorality is becoming the norm.

Secondly, many school buildings are in a parlous state. Fences are non-existent or damaged, flimsy doors need repairing, many sites are ill-lit

and not enough use is made of alarms. Most of this comes down to money and priorities.

There are at least four things, already done by some and addressed in last week's report, which all schools should now be required, and assisted financially, to do.

No school building should have more than one main door. Other doors should be alarmed emergency fire exits, opening only from the inside. The main door should have an entryphone system. Once school is in

session, no one should be able to get onto the premises uninvited.

There should be a vehicle barrier at the main gate or entrance to the grounds and an intercom connection to the main office. This would prevent unwanted or unknown vehicles from being driven onto the site.

Every visitor should be issued with an electronic tag so that the school office can track precisely who is on the premises.

All school sites should be properly fenced. Open green sites which double as unofficial public parks for the local community at weekends and after school hours are simply not safe.

I know one formerly "open" school which was comprehensively fenced just before Christmas. Staff and pupils unanimously report that they feel much safer now.

And lastly, public footpaths. The last three schools I have taught at have all been traversed by public rights of way. Since you cannot always distinguish the harmful from the harmless, it should be a condition of planning permission that footpaths are diverted off site when new schools are proposed.

## From dyslexia to public school scholar

**Bruce Kemble visits the country prep trying a new approach**

Bruern Abbey prep school, in a Georgian house nearly lost in the depths of the Cotswolds, is about to become the country's first prep entirely devoted to converting dyslexic pupils into successful candidates for top public schools.

For seven years, it has been a conventional institution with a reputation for doing well by its children with special learning difficulties. Already, Leo Geddes, a dyslexic pupil from the Shilton-under-Wychwood school, has won a place at Eton. Leo was a judge's son who the staff say was brilliant and will one day be a QC. But he lacked confidence.

Now Sterling Stover, the prep's American-born Principal, has decided to admit only those suffering from dyslexia. He says: "Socially, we were marvellous; but academically there were problems. We handled the dyslexics in the conventional way. They would be taken out of lessons for help in a small group. This worked when it was for only two or three lessons a week — but if they needed more when they came back into mainstream classes, they had to catch up."

Their schoolmasters, being schoolmasters, would want to make sure they'd catch up, so they'd set the same material again. The boys who had not missed these lessons would have to go through them again and began to feel resentful. It became counter-productive."

Numbers went down. Mr Stover recruited Paddy Hezall, a leading prep-school headmaster, and discussed what to do.

Mr Stover, a lawyer, says: "We have superb prep schools on each side of us — Summer Fields, the Dragon, Cothill — with magnificent facilities.

They are among the best in the country and are only 35 minutes' drive away. There is not the demand for a small country prep any more. We needed to do something educationally different. We are not in competition with these schools. We couldn't offer on a smaller scale what the Dragon did. The answer became fairly obvious. We should concentrate on what we did well: concentrating on children who are not thriving in a conventional environment."

Mr Stover, who has born in Texas 45 years ago and has lived in England for 20 years, bought Bruern Abbey because he fell "in love with the south front on a summer's day".

He added: "There are about half a dozen independent schools that concentrate on dyslexic children, but they do not prepare them for the Common Entrance exam — the only passport to public schools. We felt there was a need for a school that would change its teaching methods, without altering the Common Entrance syllabus."

And though the buildings may be nearly three centuries old, he is striding out at the head of the technological revolution.

"The laptop or the computer may well be the great equaliser for dyslexic children," he says. "Each of our pupils will have one."

Teachers often say: "If you can spell, you're not dyslexic." Mr Stover says: "The pupils who can word-process all their essays in the Common Entrance will have a great advantage. Imagine the effect on the markers if they see something beautifully typewritten and without a spelling mistake."

### CUTTING DOWN THE RISK: AN EXPERT VIEW

IAN JOHNSON, a security consultant based in Surrey, tells schools trying to improve security: "Find out what the risks are likely to be — then get independent objective advice and get an integrated solution."

There should be good access control, secure lockable doors and windows and lighting which shows up the peripheral areas but not the building.

Security guards are expensive and might give a school the wrong image. As schools, like industry, move into the high-tech world they must beware of computer theft. Chip theft has reached epidemic proportions.

### Stephen Logan on the reality behind the university ratings. Are students losing out?

## Teaching comes a poor second

Last week's Good University Guide made full use of the official assessments of teaching and research which have assumed such importance in higher education. By measuring teaching and research in crude quantitative terms, the Government claims to be indicating the relative merits of university departments.

However, to judge from my conversations with non-academics, the public has little idea of what is really going on. Bad measurements that look precise are the most misleading. The present system of academic accountability, as described in last week's Education pages, is calculated to mislead government officials, parents, teachers, students, journalists and academics themselves.

In the 1980s the Government decided that universities should be assessed by their power to produce marketable goods. The nearest thing to that in most subjects is a book. So, since 1992

universities have been assessed by the quantity of their published research. Academics accordingly use the term "research" for any academic publication.

Since 1995, the Government has displayed the sophistication of its interest in university teaching by assessing that too. The system has survived not because it is an accurate measure of a department's educational quality, but because most academics who do well under it collude with it.



## The high price of peace in Bosnia

**Help is needed to restore higher education in Sarajevo and Tuzla, Daniel Rosenthal reports**

For much of the past four years, Bosnian academics have had to negotiate sniper's alleys on the way to deliver lectures in the unheated, bomb-damaged halls of Sarajevo and Tuzla universities.

As the civil war raged, many lecturers carried on teaching — working without pay in appalling conditions to enable hundreds of equally determined undergraduates to complete their degrees.

Now, as the two universities begin the process of reconstruction, a London-based appeal set up to aid their survival is marking its first birthday with a renewed call for help.

Academic Lifeline for Bosnia was established under the auspices of the World University Service (an Austrian organisation which helps universities in crisis). With the Association of University Teachers publicising the appeal nationwide, cash and

thousands of pounds worth of books and stationery came in from as far afield from Bosnia as Huddersfield and Southampton. The latest aid shipment left last month.

Bruern Abbey prep school: an unusual approach



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Hartington stakes fires of reform

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT



Lord Hartington enjoys a day at Goodwood as he nears the end of his chairmanship of the British Horseracing Board

ONE of the most remarkable chapters in British racing this century draws to a close next month. Peregrine Andrew Morny Cavendish Hartington — known to one and all as "Stoker" — steps down from the helm of a sport which has been transformed by his leadership over the past seven years.

money, gaining control of the Title and the spending functions of the Levy Board. The threat of internal feuding is never far away.

bookmakers, we will make mistakes. Even if we don't agree with them, we have to understand their difficulties and lately I think all of the BHB absolutely accept the off-course bookmakers have been having a very difficult time.

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- 1-1620- BURES 27 (F.G.F.) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-1730- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-1840- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-1950- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 ARNOLD SELLING HANDICAP

- 1-011-0- MAMMION 11 (M) M's Mervyn 4-10-0 ... J. Rankin 5
1-022-0- COMEDY RIVER 27 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-033-0- CRETAN GIFT 30 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-044-0- SEVA 14 (M) M's Mervyn 4-10-0 ... J. Rankin 5

2.50 RADCLIFFE LIMITED STAKES

- 1-012-0- CRETAN GIFT 30 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-023-0- COMEDY RIVER 27 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-034-0- SEVA 14 (M) M's Mervyn 4-10-0 ... J. Rankin 5
1-045-0- SEVA 14 (M) M's Mervyn 4-10-0 ... J. Rankin 5

2.80 BRIGHTON

- 1-10-2- CLARA BLISS, 2.40 SOVIET BRIDE, 3.10 SMILIN N Washin, 3.40 College Light, 4.10 Apollo Reed, 4.40 Mystique Smile.

2.10 VICTORIA GARDENS SELLING STAKES

- 1-1-0- RONS REVENGE 11 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-2-1- CLARA BLISS 27 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-3-2- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-4-3- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

2.40 BRAD PARADE LIMITED STAKES

- 1-101-0- PRINCE DANCING 16 (F.G.F.) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-112-0- NADALI 10 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-123-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-134-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

2.10 OLD STEINE MAIDEN STAKES

- 1-033-0- CHOCOLATE 16 (F) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-044-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-055-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-066-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

3.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

THUNDERER 1-11-0- APRIL JACOBIN 16 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

3.50 OPTION CLAIM LIFE EXPENSE PROTECTION HANDICAP

- 1-15-0-0- DESERT SPRING 18 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-16-1-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-17-2-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-18-3-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

4.20 BEDLING HANDICAP

- 1-11-0-0- SHOOTING LIGHT 15 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-12-1-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-13-2-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-14-3-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

4.50 COLWYD APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP

- 1-12-0-0- TARRAN 27 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-13-1-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-14-2-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-15-3-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

4.00 W Y INSURANCE BROKERS SELLING STAKES

- 1-501-0- CHERRY 3 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-512-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-523-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-534-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

3.40 A R OENIS BOOKMAKERS MAY FILLIES HANDICAP

- 1-10-0-0- SWEET PAVLOVA 13 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-11-1-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-12-2-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-13-3-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

4.10 HOME HANDICAP

- 1-001-0- BEREKEND 16 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-012-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-023-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-034-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

4.40 BRIGHTON CENTRE HANDICAP

- 1-001-0- BLUE BLUE HOOPS 4 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-012-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-023-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
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2.00 PARKSIDE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

- 1-101-0- FUTURE PROSPECT (D. Buckley) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-112-0- MANDIC BLUE 16 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-123-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-134-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

2.30 SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION APPRENTICES HANDICAP

- 1-201-0- MONTRESTAR 16 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-212-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-223-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-234-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

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RICHARD EVANS

Nap: INFAMOUS (3.30 Haydock Park)
Next best: BAND ON THE RUN (3.00 Haydock Park)

3.00 GREENALLS PROPERTY HANDICAP

- 1-401-0- BAND ON THE RUN 6th (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-412-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-423-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-434-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5

3.30 COAL PRODUCTS GROUP RATED HANDICAP

- 1-401-0- BENAMON 16 (M) M's Mervyn 4-11-7 ... P. Hyde
1-412-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
1-423-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
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5.00 BICKERSHAW CONDITIONS STAKES

- 1-111-0- POLAR POLAR 11 (F) M's Mervyn 4-8-8 ... J. Rankin 5
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RACELINE

Table with columns for race name, number, and results. Includes Haydock Park, Brighton, and Towcester.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Haydock Park, Brighton, Towcester. Lists specialist jockeys and their records.

# Rugby close to a vote for anarchy

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ONE way or another, English rugby should know where it stands after today. If it does not, those that run the sport will have fudged the issue or the leading clubs in the country will have cut themselves free from the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and set sail into an uncertain future.

The birth of professional rugby union in England has been far more difficult than anywhere else in the world, but a compromise is still within reach. Today the 61-strong RFU committee will hear, at the Hilton Hotel, London, presentations by the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) and by the union's own negotiating team, led by Cliff Brittle. They will have a chance to question both sides.

This afternoon they will vote on heads of agreement between the two sides and, at that stage, the rugby public, which has been confused, exasperated and saddened by the disagreements of the past four months, will know whether the RFU and its leading clubs can go forward together or whether a second great schism — echoing that of 1895 when the Rugby League was born — is at hand.

The issue that divides them is, essentially, one of control; of the management of the additional finance that the clubs need to function as professional organisations. Depending on the club, between £750,000 and £1.5 million may be needed every year — figures not consistent with the appeal of club rugby in England.

The fundamental basis of the sport having changed, the RFU committee must decide whether the clubs most affected are justified in demanding a degree of autonomy, a situation that exists in all the provincial unions of the southern hemisphere. The 61 members of the committee (businessmen, lawyers and farmers, representing the counties, the Services and Oxbridge) will be told by Bill Bishop, the RFU president, that the time for talking is over and that a damaging dispute must be resolved.

The extent of that damage is obvious. Neither the union, burdened by debt, nor the clubs can draw up budgets with any certainty for a season that is only three months away.

Any business seeking to invest in rugby — and that includes the RFU's main backers — has built-in

escape clauses should the game be unable to deliver its premier product. Thus, firms such as Courage, Pilkington and Save and Prosper, respectively supporters of the league, the cup and Twickenham internationals, will reconsider their positions if there is a rupture.

Likewise the clubs, if they believe themselves forced to go it alone, must be sure they can take others with them — clubs from other countries, broadcasters and sponsors — to help fund a parallel game that they are not equipped to run themselves. "Unless we can reach a compromise deal with the RFU, based on what they hear from us at the meeting, then it is hard to see which further avenues can be explored," Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, said yesterday.

Kerr, who, with Peter Wheeler of Leicester, has been the principal spokesman for the clubs, said that he does not seek control of the game. "All we are trying to do is get the professional game off the ground for the whole of English rugby," he said.

The alternative to compromise is too appalling to contemplate. Gerry Sugrue, the chairman of Coventry, who won promotion to the second division last season, said that he was baffled by the absence of relevant information from both the RFU and Epruc. "We have been given no good reason for leaving the RFU," he said. "It would have to be a compelling and all-powerful reason for us to do so."

According to Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), clubs would be left prey to television interests or to entrepreneurs such as Ross Turnbull, the Australian, and the rift in northern-hemisphere rugby could take five years to heal. "We couldn't deal with two unions from one country and any breakaway group would be outside the regulations of the governing body," Pugh said.

"I doubt if the other unions would sanction games against a breakaway [England] XV. Despite the differences we in the home unions have with the RFU over television, I can't see a situation arising where we would abandon them. Our need in the IRFB has been to build on the elevated profile of rugby worldwide. A strong England is central to that."



Beard, right, with the women bowls players who moved to a new home in protest at their treatment at the Cyphers club

## Male bias triggers petticoat rebellion

David Rhys Jones finds bitter 'suffragette' women bowlers on march to happier green

ONE of England's most prominent bowls clubs, the Cyphers in Beckenham, Kent has been the setting for a petticoat rebellion, as 29 of the club's 31 women members have resigned in protest and moved out after what Jill Beard, their president, calls "male chauvinism at its worst".

"The men refused to consider our request for equal rights, declined to give us the vote, and threatened to take control over the day-to-day running of the women's section, which was formed in 1957," Beard said yesterday. "They wanted to vet all applications for membership, and take charge of all monies as soon as we received them."

"The idea of applying for full membership rights was mooted as long ago as December 1994, but despite a petition signed by all but two of the club's women members, a proposal put to the September 1995 annual meeting by Beard's husband, Ron, then the club treasurer, was not even put to the vote. Things came to a head when,

after almost 12 months wrangling, Beard was dismissed from membership on November 13, 1995, but no reasons were given for her expulsion, and she continued defiantly in her role as president.

Beard, who believes she was dismissed entirely because of her involvement in the women's bid for equal rights, added, "In the end, the men's complaints hinged on a trivial conversation I had with the club's male president, Mike Heppell, as long ago as May, 1995."

The Cyphers Suffragettes, as the women call themselves, were so incensed at the men's behaviour that they were ready to chain themselves to the railings. They took legal advice and were glad to find they had a strong case.

"Our solicitor informed us that the club constitution actually gives us equal rights, and that I certainly couldn't be dismissed on a whim, without any reasons being given," Mrs Beard said.

"Last month, our solicitor invited the club to give me leave to appeal, but before we had a reply, we had heard of a bowling green at a club just a mile away which was not being used, and had taken our destiny into our own hands."

Virtually all of the women members marched out of Cyphers and down the road to the Livesey Memorial Hall, where the home club was disbanded two years ago when it was believed that

Sainsbury's were going to build a supermarket on the site. The hall is a listed building, however, and was spared, along with the bowling green and other sports facilities. "The people who run the sports and social club were delighted when we asked them if we could move in," Mrs Beard said.

Heppell said yesterday: "They walked out basically. They

wouldn't conform to the constitution of the club. It's fairly sad, but in one way it's done us a favour.

"I predict that the club will be revitalised, because many of them made a zero input, and we'll be looking to recruit some women with a more positive attitude. Some of them were charming, but there are others we won't miss. It was a personality thing. They didn't go about it the right way. I'm not against full membership status for the ladies, and we will probably bring it in next year. But I wish they'd bring the books back."

Husbands of many of the women at the New Livesey Bowling Club remain at Cyphers, where there seems to be a split between the men, who are sympathetic towards the women, and those who are not. "We are determined to make New Livesey a proper mixed club," Mrs Beard insists. "At present, we are all women, but we are hoping to recruit male members, and are even prepared to give them full voting rights."

## Auckland thrills to Super 12

THE tournament that has kicked-started the era of professional rugby union in the southern hemisphere reaches its climax in Auckland tomorrow when the final of the Super 12 is played between Auckland Blues and Natal (David Hands writes). Testimony to its instant appeal was demonstrated earlier this week when, within 24 hours, all 44,000 tickets for Eden Park were sold.

Whatever teething problems professionalism may have created down under, the playing of the game has not been one of them. Several internationals — Sean Fitzpatrick, just appointed as the New Zealand captain for the coming season and John Eales, of Australia, among them — have agreed that the Super 12 has moved the sport forward significantly.

"I think we'd be naive if we sat back and thought we'd done everything right," Riaan Oberholzer, the chief executive of Sanzar (South Africa, New Zealand and Australia Rugby, the group formed last year to run international and provincial competitions), said. "But the competition has grabbed the interest of people, it revived the interest of our ex-supporters and it also tapped into the rugby league market."

AUCKLAND: A. Chapman, J. Lema, E. Clarke, J. Kapa, A. Veki, C. Spencer, J. Toomua, C. Dowd, S. Fitzpatrick, O. Brown, M. Jones, R. Brodie, C. Frazier, A. Brown, Z. Boshoff.

NATAL: A. Louw, J. Small, J. Thompson, R. Maki, C. van der Westhuizen, H. Horne, K. Puhe, O. de Ruys, J. Allen, A. Gray, W. van Heerden, S. Atherton, M. Anderson, N. Fyfe, G. Theunissen.

## Three changes

Hockey: There are three changes in the Great Britain team to play Germany at Milton Keynes on Sunday. Giles, Hazlett and Lee replace Fordham, Hoskin and the injured Laslett, who is also ruled out of the Teddington team that begins its campaign in the B division of the European club championship in Prague today.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: S. Mason (Reading), O. Ludlow (East Grinstead), J. White (Reading), J. Hales (Old Leightonians), Soma Singh (Southampton), S. Hazlett (Hounslow and Army), J. Lee (Old Leightonians), K. Hazlett (Hounslow), F. Thompson (Hounslow, captain), N. Thompson (Old Leightonians), C. Mayer (Cardiff), P. McAuley (Cardiff), R. Gifford (Cardiff), G. Barrow, J. Shaw (Southgate), G. Giles (Harrow), O. Hall (Salisbury).

## Hayles reprimand

Cycling: Rob Hayles, on the short list for the Olympic Games in Atlanta and a triple British road and track champion, has been severely reprimanded for a breach of regulations, when riding in the centre of a dual carriageway, when winning the national 10 miles time trial championship last Sunday, but will keep his title.

# union rules?

## Bath v Wigan at Twickenham

In the first clash, Wigan were leagues ahead. Can Bath now take their revenge at the home of Rugby Union? Find out by tuning in tomorrow, kick off 3pm. Live only on Sky Sports.

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### SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

When your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one of a suit, it is extremely unlikely that you would want to play in that suit — if you do hold a hand with a good long suit which is opened in front of you, it is usually best to pass for the one being and enter the auction on the next round when you have a better idea of what is going on. So it is efficient to play a simple overall in the opener's suit as artificial: the bid is called a cue-bid. There is a great deal of difference in treatment of cue-bids between the rubber bridge table and the tournament world.

In rubber bridge circles, a cue-bid shows an extremely strong hand, either a one-suiter or a two-suiter, it is forcing to game. (With a three-suited hand short in the suit opened, it is always correct to start with a take-out double). Some examples of such a cue-bid over a One Heart opening would be:

(i) ♠AKJ10874 ♥A ♦AKS ♣AR	(ii) ♠AKJ10R ♥A ♦AKS2 ♣AR
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In both cases, there are plenty of yarboroughs opposite that would make game a good proposition. With Hand (i), the final denomination will almost certainly be spades; even if partner can contribute nothing at all. Four Spades will depend on the queen of trumps dropping doubleton. However, it would be a mistake to bid Four Spades straightaway as this might lead to a missed slam. With Hand (ii), the final denomination is less certain, spades or diamonds being a strong possibility. Although this hand cannot count tricks in quite the same way as Hand (i), its potential is greater — facing five small cards in spades or diamonds and a doubleton in the other, slam would be a good proposition. The secret of responding to strong cue-bids is to keep the bidding low to give partner a chance to describe his hand.

Such strong hands are very rare, so, to make more frequent use of the cue-bid, tournament players use them to show much weaker two-suiters. Common is the "Michaels cue-bid"; a cue-bid of a minor opened by right-hand opponent shows both majors, and a cue-bid of a major-suit opening shows the other major and an unspecified minor. This allows a descriptive entry into the auction with a hand that has good distribution, for either constructive or sacrificial purposes. The minimum strength for such a cue-bid varies with the vulnerability. Consider the following hands after a One Heart opening:

(iii) ♠KJ1065 ♥6 ♦KQ1042 ♣75	(iv) ♠AKJ76 ♥6 ♦KQJ65 ♣75
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Hand (iii) is a good example of a non-vulnerable Michaels cue-bid, whereas vulnerable a hand more of the strength of (iv) would be necessary. Next week, I will discuss take-out doubles.

□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

**Joint lead**  
After two rounds of the powerful international tournament in Seville, the lead is shared by Boris Gelfand, the Belorussian grandmaster, and grandmaster Viswanathan Anand, from India, the unsuccessful challenger for the PCA world championship title last year.

Both players have 1½ points. The average ratings of the competitors in Seville comes to an extraordinary level of 2,715.

In the second round, Anand and Kasparov fought a desperate and exciting duel that ended in a draw by perpetual check after Kasparov sacrificed his queen.

**White: Viswanathan Anand**  
**Black: Garry Kasparov**  
Seville, May 1996

**Sicilian Defence**

1 e4	c5
2 Nf3	d6
3 g4	cxd4
4 Nxd4	Nf6
5 Nc3	e6
6 Be3	e5
7 g4	h6
8 f4	e6
9 Nf5	Ne7
10 Qf3	g6
11 O-O	g5
12 exd5	e4
13 Nxe4	Nxe4
14 Qxe4+	Qx7

**Diagram of final position**

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1	f	f	f

SECOND ROUND: Topalov draw with Kramnik; Gelfand vs Viswanathan Anand draw with Kasparov; Shirov vs Polgar; Karnsley draw with Blesac.

□ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

**WORD-WATCHING**

By Philip Howard

<p><b>LEGATO</b></p> <p>a. A Byzantine chamberlain</p> <p>b. Smoothly</p> <p>c. Grilled calf's liver</p>	<p><b>LANGUET</b></p> <p>a. A freshwater decapod</p> <p>b. A chain breastplate</p> <p>c. A little tongue</p>
<p><b>MOOCHER</b></p> <p>a. A blackberry-picker</p> <p>b. A handkerchief</p> <p>c. A cow</p>	<p><b>MHORR</b></p> <p>a. A Gaelic slogan</p> <p>b. A standing stone</p> <p>c. A gazelle</p>

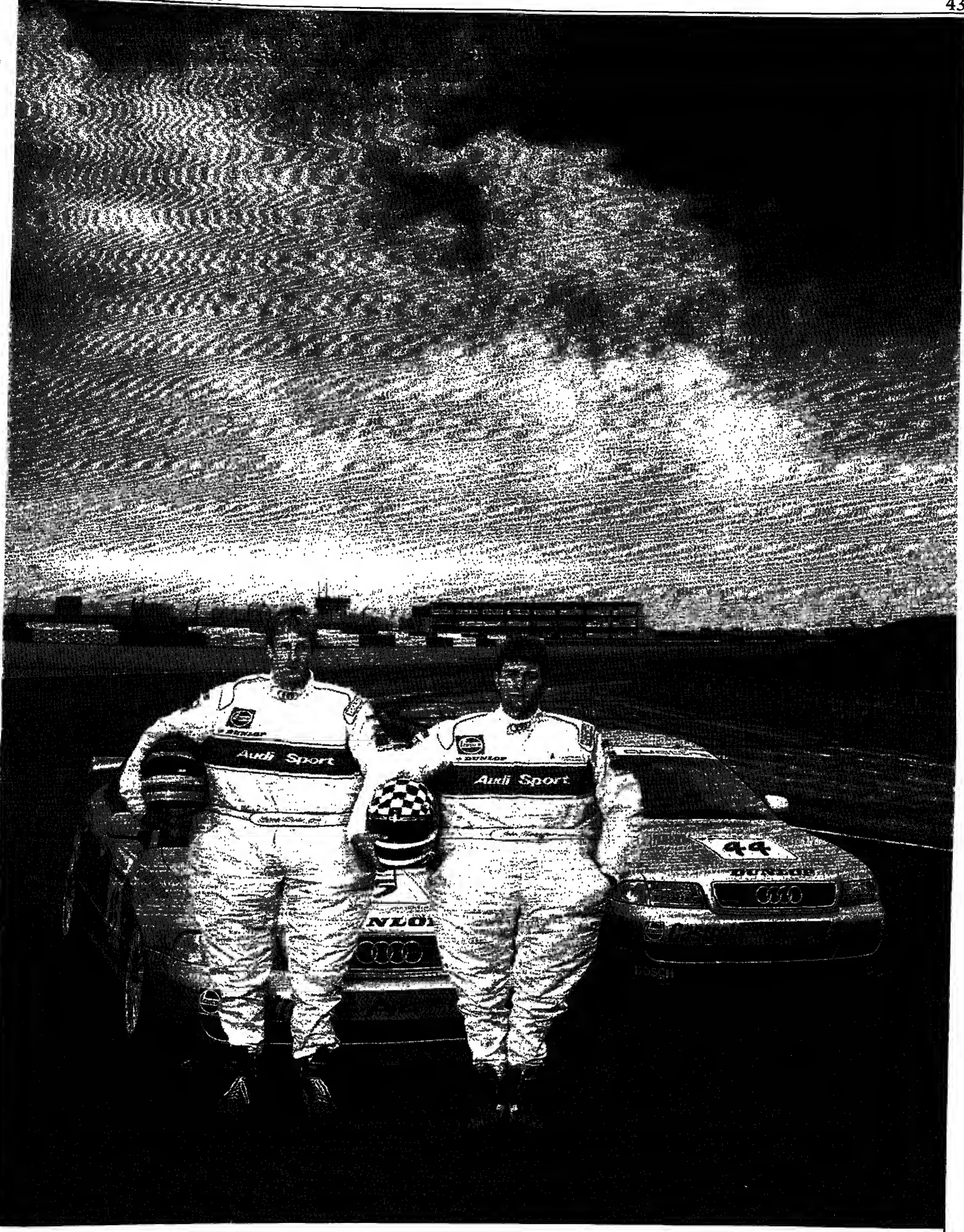
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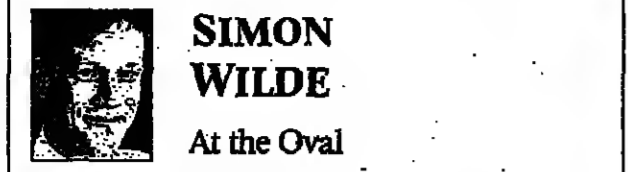
Oh dear. It appears that the well-earned victories for the Audi A4 quattros in this year's Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car Championship have been eating away at certain members of the motor racing fraternity. To the extent that we've just had yet another 30kg weight handicap slapped on us. Will it spoil our appetite for success? Fat chance.

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# Comedy becomes tragedy for Brown

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**SIMON WILDE**  
At the Oval

If Alistair Brown had appeared on a one-wheeled bike, wearing a silly hat and a red nose, and thrown custard pies at the umpires, he would scarcely have struck a more ridiculous figure than he did yesterday.

Without any hint of first-night nerves, he went through with the routine that he had been given — and he got the laughs all right — but, in true slapstick tradition, for mostly the wrong reasons. For Ally Brown, read *Coco the Clown*.

It was not all his fault. Brown is unfortunate to be a big-hitting opening batsman playing at a time when England think that that is 'precisely what they need to take advantage of the fielding restrictions now governing limited-overs internationals. These are dangerous days to be labelled a one-day player, as Brown assuredly is.

Although he struck some fine blows yesterday, too few of them cleared the inner ring of fieldsmen and that was exactly what he was in the team for. That is not to say that he did not try. He did; but, by the seventh over, he had scored only 13 and was clearly feeling the pressure. He attempted to hook Srirath over mid-wicket, but the ball was of full length and Brown could only skew it crazily over the slips, where it landed safely

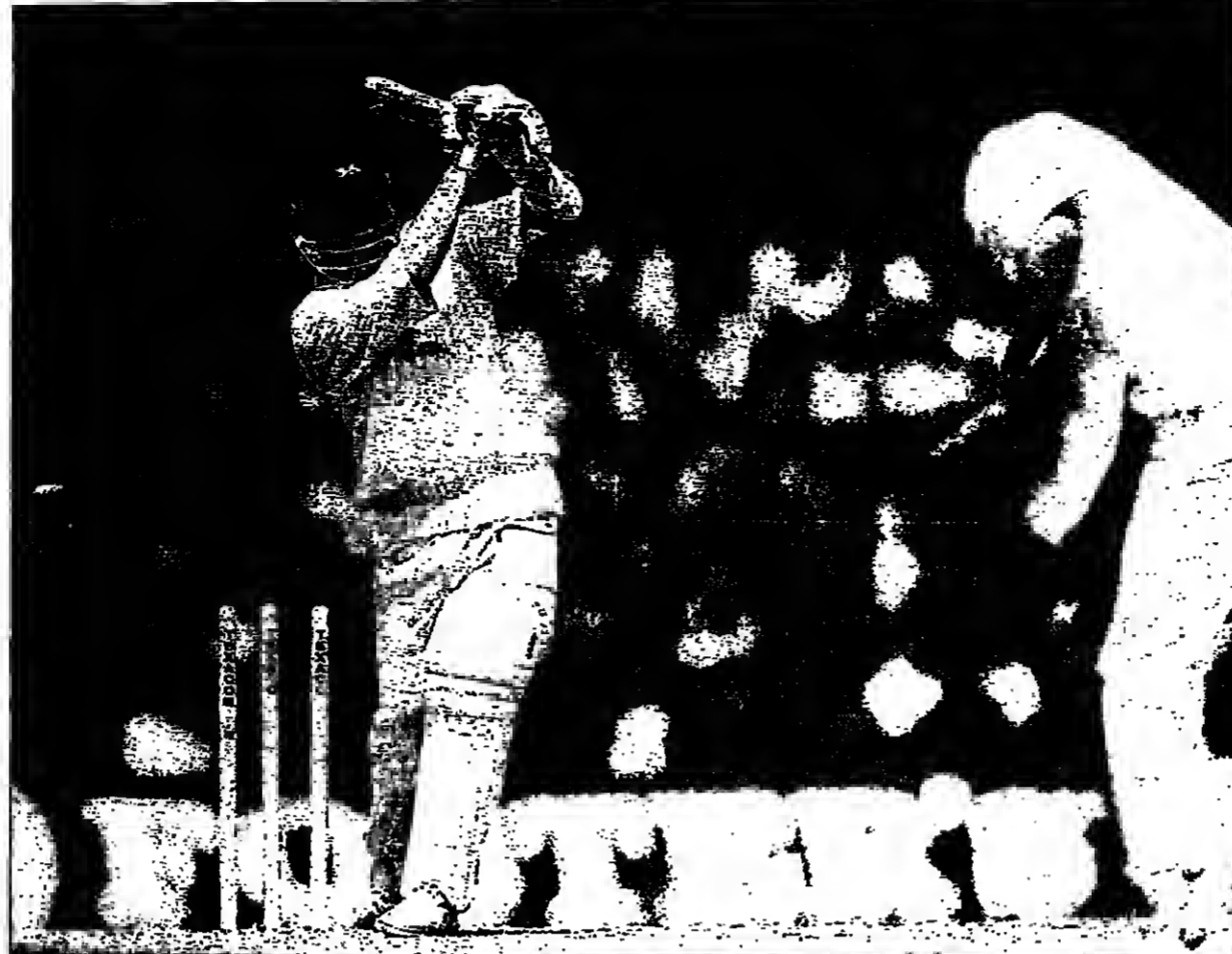
out of the retreating Tendulkar's reach. Soon after, he tried something similar, again against Srirath, and was clattered on the helmet.

He was having more success with Prasad, to whom he stepped down the pitch and pulled to the square-leg boundary. Two overs later, he tried, with less subtlety, to repeat the trick. The drums were rolling as he danced down the pitch... Prasad saw him coming and dropped the ball short... Brown fell over trying to make contact... the wicketkeeper shield at the stumps... and Brown was left to scramble in the dirt in order to make his ground. All that was missing was a clash of the cymbals.

After 15 overs, when the fielding restrictions were relaxed, Brown had scored only 29, not quite what England had been looking for. When he was out, four overs later, having missed a straight ball from Mhambrey, he had scored just 37 from 52 balls.

It would be unfair to state on the evidence of one match that Brown does not have the technique to play cricket for England. More pertinent would be to ask whether England's tactics yesterday were the right ones.

This Oval pitch had far more bounce and carry than those on which Brown bat-



Brown's richly comic routine is ended on 37 as he misses a straight ball from Mhambrey and is clean bowled

tered county attacks to all parts of Kennington during the Benson and Hedges Cup earlier this month. Srirath and Prasad were a handful even for Atherton, who was trying to cope at the other end by altogether more orthodox means.

The point is that, whatever the conditions, England have got the wrong end of the stick

Smith. He is primarily an off-spin bowler who can afford to fail as a batsman. When he joined Brown after Atherton's dismissal, he looked far more comfortable about flinging the ball than his partner, and, although he failed coming in at No.5. Kumble, too, was a safe gambler for India. It is really time that England gave this particular torch to Hick.

Of course, Brown should have been out to his second ball yesterday, but cruel, outrageous luck — of which Brown was given more than a pinch — dictated that Rathore would drop the chance that he was presented with at second slip.

Brown was obliged to stay and end up with custard pie on his face.

**YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS**

**Britannic Assurance county championship**

**Glamorgan v Wores**

ASBESTOS first day of four. Wrexham won toss; Glamorgan have scored 148 for five wickets against Wrexham.

**GLAMORGAN: First Innings**

S P James	not out	20
M Morris	b Blythe	10
A Dale	b Blythe	7
G R Blythe	b Newport	7
P A Cooney	c Ransley	2
A O Shaw	not out	2
Extras	(2, 1, 1, 1, 1)	5
Total	(5 wickets)	44

**WOREXHAM: First Innings**

R O B Croft	0
O O Gibson	10
S O Thomas	10
Waters	10
S R Barnett	10
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-26, 3-127, 4-127, 5-148	
GLAMORGAN: Second Innings	156-6-94-6
WOREXHAM: Second Innings	195-2-24-1-1-10

**Worcestershire v Surrey**

Worcestershire won toss; Gloucestershire have scored 228 for four wickets against Surrey.

**WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings**

A J White	not out	61
N J Turner	not out	47
M A Lyson	not out	4
R C Hoggard	not out	4
R C Hoggard	not out	4
S R Hoggard	not out	4
Extras	(1, 1, 2, 2)	6
Total	(4 wickets)	228

**SURREY: First Innings**

R C Hoggard	not out	26
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**Warwick v Leics**

Leicestershire won toss; Warwickshire have scored 60 for no wickets against Leicestershire.

**WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings**

A J Miles	not out	34
M W Knight	not out	24
Extras	(2, 1, 2)	5
Total	(no wickets)	60

**Leicestershire: First Innings**

Q P Oller	7	
L P Oller	7	
Extras	(1, 1)	2
Total	(1 wicket)	16

**University match**

**Oxford Univ v Nottingham**

Nottingham won toss; Oxford University have scored 179 for one wicket against Nottingham.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings**

C M Gale	not out	19
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**Kent v Yorkshire**

Nottingham won toss; Kent have scored 228 for four wickets against Yorkshire.

**KENT: First Innings**

M C MacGibbon	not out	40
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## Hussain and Robinson give Essex time to regroup

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

DERBY (first day of four; Essex won toss). Essex have made 225 for three against Derbyshire.

BEFORE the rain arrived at tea-time, there was some good cricket at the Raccoon Ground. The pitch was less green than some seen here, but, after struggling early on, Robinson and Hussain batted well, too, showing that, whatever Raymond Illingworth thinks of him, he has not lost his self-respect.

Malcolm ended the day with only one wicket, though his opening spell might have earned two more. It was a good wicket to get. Gooch, who had begun the morning with two thumping boundaries, was bowled as he tried to drive a ball of good length.

For a while, Robinson and Hussain had to find shelter.

Hussain needed 17 overs to reach double figures and his first two boundaries came off the edge. Slowly, he and Robinson found their feet in a passage of play that held interest for being competitive. Had Harris bowled straighter, the batsmen would not have survived the morning.

Robinson, missed at slip by Adams on 37, was first to 50 and blossomed in the early afternoon sun. He had played some attractive strokes when Jones, bringing himself on to bowl the gentlest of off spin, ended a stand of 153 before immediately making way for Base. It takes some believing that Base is still with the county. He made one appearance last summer and is playing here only because Cork and DeFreitas are unavailable. Just before tea, Law battered him for four boundaries in an over.

Hussain had gone by then for 81, leg-before to Harris, whose afternoon performance must have encouraged his captain. He jugged the ball around off the pitch and was eventually rewarded for his persistence when he struck Hussain on the back leg.

Hussain batted with maturity and sound judgment. They are qualities that should serve him well this summer, and not just for Essex.

**ESSEX: First Innings**

G A Gooch	not out	17
O J Robinson	not out	17
M Hussain	not out	8
S G Law	not out	8
Extras	(1, 1, 1, 1, 1)	5
Total	(3 wickets)	225

**Derbyshire: First Innings**

O J Robinson	not out	17
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## Hampshire unhinged by Brown's incursion

By JACK BAILEY

PORTSMOUTH (first day of four; Hampshire won toss). Hampshire have scored 192 for nine wickets against Durham.

INVADING the den of the Warwickshire bear at Edgbaston and emerging clutching the spoils is one thing. Taking on a Durham team that is hungry for any kind of success is quite another. Hampshire found this out at the United Services ground yesterday, when they lost their first three wickets to Simon Brown inside five overs for nine runs and, despite fighting innings from Adrian Aymes and Cardigan Connor, still have some way to go before regaining their equilibrium.

It was a toss that John Stephenson, the Hampshire captain, might have hoped to lose. There is invariably pace and movement in the Portsmouth wicket early on. Equally, genuine application on the part of the batsmen is usually rewarded in spades.

While Durham, Brown especially, bowled quite well, it cannot be said that Hampshire's early order were in a resolute frame of mind. Not until Kevin James settled in briefly did resistance enter the equation. Not until Aymes and Connor joined in a partnership of 54 for the ninth wicket did it dominate ball.

Connor batted 42 of these. Durham bowled short and Connor revelled in it. Fifty overs were lost to rain, but it remains Durham's day, although not quite as firmly as it had begun.

Then, Brown found the edge against Stephenson's forward push with his second ball and struck again with his sixth as Laney tried to guide him down the leg-side. When Brown brought one back to have Morris leg-before he had taken three for 2 in 14 balls and Hampshire were hanging on by their fingertips.

Bets bustled in and the promising James holed out at mid-wicket and Whitaker top-edged Wood to reward him in his first over for a year in the championship. Haphazard strokes both, but it took a blinding catch at cover to see off Connor and Aymes remained defiant to the end.

**HAMPSHIRE: First Innings**

J P Stephenson	not out	0
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## Wells in hurry to make up lost time

By PAT GIBSON

HORSHAM (second day of four; Middlesex won toss). Sussex have scored 216 for three wickets against Middlesex.

ALAN WELLS put Sussex's inauspicious start to the season behind him and did his best to make up for lost time before the rain returned to take another sizeable chunk out of a match that had already been reduced to an old-fashioned three-day contest.

Wells made 92 off 122 balls in a third-wicket partnership of 152 with Bill Athey, whose well-honed technique, now augmented by a glinting pair of spectacles, had denied Mike Gatting the rewards he expected when he put Sussex in.

There was movement off the seam for all four Middlesex seamers. Fraser bowled well but without luck, Hewitt had Hall caught at first slip in his second over and Nash, though looking far from fit in his first championship match of the season, claimed Speight caught behind.

Unfortunately for Gatting, all but Fraser bowled too many loose balls and Wells took full advantage of them. Having given Athey 18 overs and 20 runs start, he was first to his 50, which included nine fours, and he had struck another seven when he hooked Follett into the hands of Nash at long leg.

Athey is 38 now and realised that his eyesight was deteriorating towards the end of last season. He could not get on with contact lenses but spectacles seem to have done the trick and he had reached 70 in 63 overs when the rain set in.

**SUSSEX: First Innings**

C W J Leary	not out	70
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**YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS**

**Goodwood**

Going: soft.

2.10 (8) 1, Noked Power (Dane O'Neill, 4-1); 2. Natsala Bay (13-8 fav); 3. Wat For Fists (5-1) 3 ran. NR Resurrection. Hd, R Harrison. Total 52.80, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20.

2.40 (1m 40), Tipton (F. Dalton, 7-5 fav); 2. Beren Hill Bay (10-1); 3. Royal Schibitz (11-1) 3 ran. NR Chatham Island. Hd, J. Durkin. Total 52.80, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20.

3.10 (7) 1, Orange Place (J. Quinn, 12-1); 2. Danville (14-1); 3. Skipper Brown (20-1). Champack (Dunlop, 11-1). NR. Head, J. Durkin. Total 52.80, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20.

3.40 (1m 20), Captain Hornsby (J. Quinn, 10-1); 2. Wagon (5-1); 3. Lear Wheel (10-1). Head, J. Durkin. Total 52.80, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20.

4.10 (8) 1, Orban (Dane O'Neill, 15-8 fav); 2. Laurel Edwards (13-2); 3. Red Tom (20-1). 10 ran. NR. Head, J. Durkin. Total 52.80, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20.

4.40 (1m 10), North Song (F. Dalton, 13-8 fav); 2. Ta Awan (9-2); 3. Domestic Moment (11-1). 7 ran. NR. Head, J. Durkin. Total 52.80, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20, 61.20.

5.20 (5) race abandoned — fog.

Juddock (12-5) and (13-5) winners. Juddock, pool of £10,455.85 carried forward to Haydock Park today.

Placepot: £161.90.

**Newcastle**

Going: good, good to firm in places.

2.25 (1m 20) 1, Sauer (Paul Eddy, 15-1 fav); 2. Questoria (8-2); 3. Almarum (11-1) 14 ran. 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, 56, 63, 70, 77, 84, 91, 98, 105, 112, 119, 126, 133, 140, 147, 154, 161, 168, 175, 182, 189, 196, 203, 210, 217, 224, 231, 238, 245, 252, 259, 266, 273, 280, 287, 294, 301, 308, 315, 322, 329, 336, 343, 350, 357, 364, 371, 378, 385, 392, 399, 406, 413, 420, 427, 434, 441, 448, 455, 462, 469, 476, 483, 490, 497, 504, 511, 518, 525, 532, 539, 546, 553, 560, 567, 574, 581, 588, 595, 602, 609, 616, 623, 630, 637, 644, 651, 658, 665, 672, 679, 686, 693, 700, 707, 714, 721, 728, 735, 742, 749, 756, 763, 770, 777, 784, 791, 798, 805, 812, 819, 826, 833, 840, 847, 854, 861, 868, 875, 882, 889, 896, 903, 910, 917, 924, 931, 938, 945, 952, 959, 966, 973, 980, 987, 994, 1001, 1008, 1015, 1022, 1029, 1036, 1043, 1050, 1057, 1064, 1071, 1078, 1085, 1092, 1099, 1106, 1113, 1120, 1127, 1134, 1141, 1148, 1155, 1162, 1169, 1176, 1183, 1190, 1197, 1204, 1211, 1218, 1225, 1232, 1239, 1246, 1253, 1260, 1267, 1274, 1281, 1288, 1295, 1302, 1309, 1316, 1323, 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# Glamorgan struggle to cope with Newport **Vialli bows out with the ultimate prize**

By **ROB HUGHES**, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

**PHIL NEWPORT'S** return after injury yesterday brought a much-needed cutting edge to the Worcestershire attack at Aberystwyth where, for once, batsmen did not have their own way on a ground that has seen some notable scoring feats.

Glamorgan had to struggle to reach 148 for five on a rain-shortened day, grateful to Mark Butcher, 21, for an innings of 73, and the fact that he was missed twice. Newport ended with four for 49 and removed Butcher with the final ball of the day.

Nick Taylor, 20, from Durham, made an impressive debut for Gloucestershire, taking 67 off the weakened Surrey attack as he outscored the experienced Tony Wright in a first-wicket stand of 111 on the King's School ground, Gloucester.

Andy Moles, playing his first championship match for Warwickshire since last June, helped Nick Knight to put on 60 in the 15 overs possible against Leicestershire at Edgbaston.

At Canterbury, where there was almost a full day's play, Yorkshire reached 261 for five against Kent. David Byas (44), the Yorkshire captain, and Michael Bevan (80), his deputy, added 128 for the third wicket while Nick Preston, the Kent seamer, marked his home championship debut by taking three for 42 in 19 overs.

Gul Khan, of Oxford University, twice dismissed in the nineties this season, resumed his search for a maiden first-class century by scoring an unbeaten 72 against Nottinghamshire in the Parks.

ONLY in Italy, where football is of the ultimate expression of joy and despair, can men weep over something allegedly as trivial as a football match. In Turin in 1990, it was Pedullini in Rome this week, it was Gianluca Vialli. His head shaven like a monk, crying to the point of convulsion.

Vialli had led Juventus to European Cup victory over the boys of Ajax. He is expected at 3pm today to commit the next two years of his playing career to Chelsea, but now this man of phenomenal football appetite was simply unable to shake off the conviction that, whatever he takes to London, it will be unlikely to come close to the ultimate moment that he shared with a public viewing in 1986 countries.

Chelsea come into consideration because that is the prevalent view. Vialli, 32, still maintains that there may be a surprise, still says that 3pm this afternoon will be his first and final declaration about the choice between Rangers, Chelsea and some even say a club in the German Bundesliga, after 12 years in Italy's Serie A.

High in the stands on Wednesday night, Gianni Agnelli, the great patron of Juventus, reflected the joy of the men in the field. He has spent seven decades of a rich life craving this one trophy, pouring his family fortune into the business of buying and selling footballers, wanting, he once said, to achieve the highest prize and to let his own imagination run free in players who could bring grandeur to the sport of the Italians.

Juventus, beating Liverpool in the Heysel Stadium 11 years ago,

had won the European Cup at the dreadful cost of the lives of 39 spectators. This time the victory, albeit on penalties, was pure, and in the piazzas of Rome the celebrations flowed more permanently than the waters of the Trevi fountain. In one of the better European finals, tactics and power had won the day. Marcello Lippi, a man who had come through the ranks of coaching lesser clubs on one-year contracts, had now masterminded the removal of the cup from Ajax, the team and the club of the decade. He did it by committing three players to attack — Vialli, the equally athletic and emotional Fabrizio Ravanelli, and the young Alessandro Del Piero who, between the heavyweights, is subtlety and speed refined.

That trio pulled out of joint the Ajax formation on which Terry Venables is redrafting England. Ajax like to defend with only three at the back; you cannot do that

when the opponents attack on three fronts, and critically this obliged Frank De Boer, starting the match with an injured ankle, to be drawn into an Ajax back four. The impetus of the team was surrendered all across the field and, despite all that has been written about the youth system of the Amsterdam club, it was a home-grown product of Juventus, Moreno Torricelli, the right back, whose constant driving from the back became the revelation of the night. Ajax had 59 per cent of the possession, but Juventus out-shot them by 23 attempts at goal to 11. The sight for English and Scottish eyes was of Ajax, with eight of the Holland team who met England and then Scotland in the European championship, with their heads down, their bodies racked, their necks adorned with losers' medals. Italy, built around six Juventus players, will instead take the conviction of champions into the June tournament.

Juventus and Ajax took £9 million each in prize-money and television fees alone from the competition; they also keep gate receipts from 11 games, and Juventus have just signed a new kit sponsorship worth £7 million for four years, plus a £6 million two-year deal with Sony. Perhaps, at the eleventh hour, there may be sufficient in the kitty for Juventus to make Vialli an offer that he cannot refuse. He would, of course, have to share attacking duties not only with those present but with Alen Boksic, from Croatia, who, on European Cup final day, signed a contract to replace Vialli. The questions will be resolved at 3pm today.



Vialli: emotional triumph



Steve McManaman watches as Li Bing, of China, flies to the rescue in Peking yesterday. England won 3-0. Report, page 48

# Injury puts Muster's Paris place in doubt

By **OUR SPORTS STAFF**

PREDICTING finalists in grand slam tennis tournaments can be a tricky business, with a fortnight for favourites to slip up before the big day, but Thomas Muster, from Austria, was as near a certainty to contest the French Open title as made no difference — until yesterday, when he hobbled off court at the Radcliffe grand prix event in St Pölten, Austria. Suddenly, even Muster's participation in Paris next week was in doubt.

Muster, the French Open champion, suffered an injury to his right ankle during a practice session with Javier Sanchez, of Spain, and was taken to a hospital with a suspected torn ligament. He will learn today whether, at best, he will be fit again in four days, or, at worst, will miss the championship. He is the world's leading clay-court player but the No 2 seed in Paris.

Pete Sampras, the world No 1 and top seed at the French Open, is also injured, but he said yesterday that he hopes to be fit in time for the off at Roland Garros on Monday. Sampras has a back injury, but said: "If the French Open had started yesterday, I wouldn't have been able to play, but it is nothing serious. I am very optimistic."

Sampras is short of clay-court practice, having pulled out of the Italian Open last week because he did not feel ready to play after the death of Tim Gullickson, his coach, and having withdrawn from the World Team Cup in Düsseldorf this week with his back problem.

The French Open lost one women's seed yesterday. Chanda Rubin, of the United States, the No 7, withdrew with a foot injury.

## OXFORD EIGHTS

Oriel and Osler-Green rowed over unchallenged at the head of the men's and women's top divisions on the second day of Oxford University Summer Eights. In the men's sixth division, Magdalen III achieved the rare distinction of a double overbump, making up a total of 11 1/2 lengths.

Table with columns for dates (MAY 22, 23, 24, 25) and various rowing teams (e.g., PERIMORE, OXFORD, BATH). The table shows results and progress for various crews over several days.

## FOR THE RECORD

<b>BADMINTON</b> HONG KONG: Uber Cup: Semi-finals: China 2 Denmark 0 (China names first: Ye Zhenyong to C Martin 11-8, 11-3. Co Fu and Gao Jun to H Jeong and R Cho 11-4, 15-13. Wang Chen to A Sondergaard 11-0, 11-8; Gu Yixian and Tang Yoreng to L Olson and S Gopsonen 15-1, 16-15. Zhang Ning to M Pedersen 11-5, 11-2). Indonesia: South Korea 1 Indonesia names first: S Candra to B Sugiarto 11-7, 11-0. E and Z Rosiana to G Young Ah and Jang Hye Ok 15-3, 17-16. M Audina to Kim J Hyun 11-6, 11-4. French and L Tang to M Kim Shin Young and Kim Moe Hyung 16-15, 15-6. S Y Sarin to Hie Kyung Mi 4-11, 4-11).	<b>GOLF</b> WILDERNESSE, Severnside Club senior professional championship: Leaders after two rounds: 148: I Horton (Royal Jersey) 81, 67; 141: H Flinn (Riverside) 79, 72; 142: T Squires (Boscon) 72, 70; 144: B Wates (Peters) 72, 72; 145: J Hudson (Sevenside) 70, 75; 146: L Lee (Dunmore) 70, 75; J Rhodes (South Staff) 69, 76. ROYAL DORNOCHE: Scottish women's amateur championship: Qualifiers after two rounds: 148: A Rose (Stirling) 75, 72; 149: L Morla (Al Kibrdel) 76, 73; 152: M Spring (Dumfries New) 77, 77; M McCracken (Hemel Hempstead) 78, 76; 161: J Ford (Gulbene Ladies) 81, 80; D Johnston (Cochrane Castle) 80, 81; E S McMaster (Queens) 82, 83; V Meyer (Clydebank) 82, 83; M Kerr (Kilbride) 85, 81; J Minton (Tullis) 81, 83; J Mear (Edin) 82, 83; 185: S Alderson (Edin) 84, 81; F Anderson (Glasgow) 81, 82; L Flower (Trin) 82, 83; C Morgan (Dumfries) 83, 82; C Hunter (Dumfries) 84, 81; 168: L Lang (Glasgow) 85, 78; L Nicholson (Hemel Hempstead) 86, 87; F Fitzgerald (Tombury) 85, 81; C Divers (Dumfries) 85, 81; A Gemmill (Kilmarnock) 86, 81; 85; J Ballou (Hockley) 86, 80; 167: J McKay (Edin) 78, 89; 168: L Vass (Edin) 83, 83; E Vass (Trin) 79, 89; 169: F Lockhart (Edinburgh) 81, 83; L Urquhart (Banochry) 83, 86; A Ryan (Trin) 83, 81; J Turner (Northleith) 87, 82; V Laird (Musselburgh) 84, 86; C MacDonald (Dumfries) 84, 56; 5; Morla (St Helens) 85, 81; C Mouton (Dumfries) 87, 82; Lockhart, Ryan, MacDonald, Laird and McPherson qualified for the main play-off.	<b>BASEBALL</b> AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City 6 Detroit 4; Texas 3 Minnesota 5; Chicago 7 Toronto 1; Seattle 3 Boston 1; Milwaukee 10 Cleveland 8; Baltimore 10 California 5; Oakland 6 New York 1. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 4 Florida 1; Atlanta 9 Chicago 4; Colorado 3; Pittsburgh 3, Montreal 4; San Francisco 3, St Louis 3; Houston 2; New York 3; Los Angeles 2; San Diego 3 Philadelphia 2.	<b>BOWLS</b> REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: CwI Service 123, London Scottish 109.	<b>EQUESTRIANISM</b> WINDSOR GREAT PARK: Windsor international horse trials: Dressage: International section: 1, Independent Archie (A Johnston, GB) 48.0pts; 2, Rainbow Maple (P Furnell, GB) 48.8; 3, For The Crack 10 (Dek, GB) 53.8; equal 4, Red Baron III (E Douglas, Ireland) 53.8; 5, Coniston Gold (D Johnston, GB) 55.4. National section: 1, Rackstar (H Buhl) 48.6; 2, Mista MacAvoy (R Durand) 50.0; 3, Weston Crack On (P Waters) 52.4.	<b>SHOOTING</b> BSLEY: RAF spring meeting: Nobel Trophy (free-station rifle): 1, Ubrodne 775pts; 2, Coleshore 752; Inter-Station (open): 1, Coleshore 1,824; 2, Beeston 1,631. Penistone Bowf (RAF women's snipe): 1, C Pl 5; 2, McGrogan (Bampton) 788; 2, Rathfern (Whithorn) 773. Turner Cup (women's pistol): 1, Rathfern 712; 2, SACW Mercala (Edin) 686; 3, New Broom (Edin) 682; (RAF Regt) 599. Helion Cup (open pistol, yard 50): 1, Wollat Cup (Edinburgh) 1,115; 2, SJI 1,117. LT aggregate: Cpl Ford 1,115.	<b>SOCCER</b> CAIRO: Al Ahram International: First: J Khan (Pakistan) to A Barada (Egypt) 15-4, 15-11, 15-8. TENNIS QUESELDORF: ATP World Team Cup: Blue group: Czech Republic 1, Russia 1, Volokov 7-5, 6-2; B Ulichak lost to Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-4; 5-0. United States 2, Holland 0. United States names, first, R Rastberg to P Barthus 7-6; 6-1, T Martin to R Kucenic 6-4, 7-6. ST POETEN, Austria: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: S Dospelid (Czech) to S Edberg (Sweden) 6-3, 6-3; A Gaudenzi (Italy) to T Muster (Austria) 6-4, 6-3; S Janssens (Spain) to R Carsten (Den) 6-4, 6-0; G-0, M Roos (China) to F Claret (Fris) 2-1, 6-3. EDINBURGH: Women's doubles Cup: Quarter-finals: M McGrath (US) and L Nestand (Lat) to J Hatherton (Can) and J Sutcliffe (Aust) 2-3, 6-3; N Anderson (US) and M Bollogat (Hol) to P Tarabin (Arg) and C Vis (Hol) 6-2, 6-3. MADRID: Women's tournament: Second round: L Richterova (Czech) to C Marinova (Esp) 6-2, 6-3; A Cozzes (USA) to 6-3; M Soles (US) to I Spriza (Rom) 6-1; Novotna (Czech) to L Richterova (Czech) 6-2, 7-5; M Maslove (Sov) to B Sanchez-Vizcarra (Spa) 6-2, 6-3. STRASSBOURG: Women's tournament: Second round: A Hutor (Ger) to K Kucherkova (Sov) 4-6, 6-2; J Wenzner (Austria) to Wang Shi Tang (Taiwan) 6-2, 6-2; L Daverpon (US) to L Chalout (Fris) 6-1, 6-1; N Tazoe (Fris) to M Ajrupa (Esp) 6-3, 6-2; A Dochaume-Bakeret to J Fernandez (US) 3-6, 6-4; A Miles (US) to L Courtois (Bel) 6-2, 6-4; B Sauter (Austria) to A Fusi (Fris) 6-4, 6-3; A Stankovicova (Slovakia) to A Gaudenzi (Sov) 6-4, 6-0. Quarter-finals: Daverpon to Tazoe 6-1, 6-4; Paus to Dochaume-Bakeret 6-2, 6-2.
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## TODAY'S FIXTURES

<b>CRICKET</b> Tascon Trophy First one-day international 10.45, 50 overs BRIAN THE OVAL: England v India Britannic Assurance championship 11.0, final day of four, 104 overs minimum HORSHAM: Sussex v Middlesex 11.0, second day of four 104 overs minimum OERBY: Derbyshire v Essex ABERGAVENNY: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire GLoucestershire PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Durham CANTERBURY: Kent v Yorkshire TAUNTON: Somerset v NEW COLLEGE N: Gloucestershire v EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Leicestershire University match 11.30, second day of three THE PARKS: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire BARN HOBBS TROPHY (one day): Malden v MCC Young Cricketers; Walsell: Minor Counties v Warwickshire	<b>RUGBY LEAGUE</b> Kick-off 7.30 Stones Super League Bradford Bulls v Leeds First division Salford v Dewsbury Second division Huddersfield v Rochdale York v Chorley Magpies FOOTBALL Toulon under-21 international tournament Group B England v Belgium (at Mayol Stadium, Toulon, 6.0) ... OTHER SPORT EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials (Windsor Great Park) CYCLING: National track championships (Manchester velodrome, 3.30 and 7.0) GOLF: Volvo PGA championship (Wentworth) HOCKEY: Women's International: England v Argentina (at Luttrell, 3.0) TENNIS: World women's doubles Cup (Craigpoolton Sports Centre, Edinburgh)
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Of aerophobes and low-flying sky pilots

So there is this huge group of aerophobes. And they come voluntarily to Heathrow airport, for a one-day British Airways 'Fear of Flying' course.

meeting. Elsewhere last night, however, spiritual consolation was definitely the order of the day.

gelists, the Orthodox Church must cope with a self-styled Messiah called Vissarion (formerly a policeman) who affects biblical garb and sandals, and looks faintly reminiscent of Neil in The Young Ones.

portunity to show off his qualities as missionary to the spiritually benighted.



Lynne Truss

REVIEW Lynne Truss Russia's Holy War was full of good things. Aside from the evan-

BBC1
6.00am Business Breakfast (56618)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Coastal) (87989)
8.00 Breakfast News Extra (Coastal) (4191163)
9.20 Style (s) (7204724)
9.45 Kilroy (a) (6538386)
12.30 Good Morning (s) (53453)
12.30 News (Coastal) and weather (1514434)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (s) (5756366)
12.35 Going for Gold with the Inimitable Henry Kelly (s) (4246785)
1.00 News (Coastal) and weather (80076)
1.30 Regional News and weather (8242698)
1.40 Neighbours (Coastal) (s) (6995487)
2.00 Bakeoff (3741298)
3.10 Felix the Cat (r) (3765863) 3.30 Playdays (s) (12273705) 3.50 Monster Cafe (r) (s) (6679693) 4.05 Casper's Classroom (s) (6275618) 4.10 Little Mouse on the Prairie (Coastal) (s) (5542365) 4.35 Clarissa Explains it All (r) (Coastal) (s) (2562250) 5.00 Newsworld (Coastal) (7921182) 5.10 Blue Peter (Coastal) (s) (8870989)
5.35 Neighbours (Coastal) (s) (471812)
6.00 News (Coastal) and weather (811)
6.30 Regional news magazines (163)
7.00 Wipeout. Paul Daniels hosts the game show. (Coastal) (s) (3055)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Rebecca Stephens visits Limone, on Lake Garda, where the inhabitants produce a protein that breaks down cholesterol and so helps to protect them from heart disease; plus the man who has invented a hat that can double as a smokehood when he wants to indulge in a cigarette, without polluting the air. (Coastal) (s) (347)
8.00 Only Fools and Horses. Rodney needs to find a girlfriend in order to win a bet (r) (Coastal) (5415)
8.30 Big Break. Jim Davidson hosts the snooker game show in which celebrity players put on behalf of contestants. This week's experts are Joe Swail, Dave Harold and Tony Knowles. (Coastal) (s) (1250)
9.00 News (Coastal), regional news and weather (2960)
9.30 999. Michael Burk and Juliet Morris present stories of heroism and bravery, reconstructed by the emergency services and actors, and recalled by the people involved in the original incidents. (Coastal) (s) (97663)
10.20 FILM: Black Rain (1994) Stylish thriller. Two New York policemen are escorting a Japanese mobster to Osaka, intending to hand him over to the police. However, when he escapes, they have to follow him into a dark and dangerous world where he holds all the aces. With Michael Douglas, Andy Garcia and Kate Winslet. Directed by Ridley Scott (Coastal) (s) (103415)
12.20 FILM: Naked Tango (1991) starring Vincent D'Onofrio and Mathilda May, with Fernando Rey. Erotic thriller set in the early days of the tango in 1920s Buenos Aires. Directed by Leonard Schrader (Coastal) (s) (8661477)
1.50am Weather (3877496)
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BBC2
6.00am Open University: The Restless Pump (7896724) 6.25 Scenes from Dr Faustius by Christopher Marlowe (7895231) 6.50 San Marco (5896724)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4286982)
7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (91182) 8.00 The Healy Wild Show (r) (Coastal) (s) (794238) 8.25 The Little Polar Bear (r) (2050576) 8.30 William's Wish Welcomes (s) (r) (17741892) 8.40 Star Trek (r) (8406873)
9.05 Job Bank (s) (9322563) 9.15 Teaching Today (s) (524057) 9.45 Watch (s) (538521) 10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (194927) 10.25 Lifeschool Extra (8423724) 11.00 Look and Read (s) (3453286) 11.20 How to Make a Video (108949) 11.30 Teaching Today (1095) 12.00 English File (45328)
12.30pm Working Lunch (78417)
1.00 Shakespeare: The Animated Tales - The Tempest (s) (89618) 1.30 Shakespeare (s) (6244812) 1.45 Words and Pictures (s) (82433637) 2.00 The Little Polar Bear (r) (41163747) 2.05 William's Wish Welcomes (r) (s) (41166618) 2.10 Open View (41181927)
2.15 International Golf and Tennis. Steve Rider introduces the Volvo PGA Championship from Wentworth, plus tennis from Craiglockhart, Edinburgh. (Coastal) (87434750)
6.00 Shooting Stars. Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer host the award-winning spoof quiz show (r) (Coastal) (s) (453)
6.30 The Champions. Fantasy espionage series (Coastal) (462502)
7.20 Watch Out. Wildlife news (s) (105163)
7.30 We Are (Not) Amused (2/2) (Coastal) (989)
8.00 Top Gear Motorsport. In the last of the series, Mark James reports from Sumatra on the World Rally Championships; and Jill Needell goes to the Italian Grand Prix at Silverstone. (Coastal) (s) (7057)
8.30 Gardeners' World. From the Chelsea Flower Show (Coastal) (s) (9892)
Arresting Dawn French (9.00pm)

CHOICE
We Are (Not) Amused
BBC2, 7.30pm
Part two of Kenneth Baker's survey of royal cartoons contains a revealing episode. On the night the Princess of Wales is to be interviewed on Panorama a cartoon about her is being prepared for a national newspaper the next day. The snag is that the cartoonist has not seen the programme and by the time he has, his cartoon will be too late. His ingenuity in striking the appropriate note is impressive. Victorian caricatures had no such problems, but their attitude towards royalty was more sympathetic. This caricature extended even to the present Queen, at least in the early part of her reign, when cartoonists rarely showed her face. Whether the return to the cartoon savagery of the 18th century reflects changes in royal behaviour, or a less reverential society, or both, is a nice point on which to end.

Murder Most Horrid: Dying Live
BBC2, 9.00pm
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Channel 4, 9.30pm
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As HTV WEST except:
6.25pm 7.00 Wales Tonight (932415)
10.40-11.10 Wales This Week (562182)
WESTCOUNTRY
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12.55 Coronation Street (4240502)
1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (31913705)
1.55 Home and Away (59295618)
2.25 High Road (19434366)
5.10 Home and Away (9423163)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (78144)
10.45 Film: Splas Like Us (38199601)
CENTRAL
As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (4240502)
1.25 Cross Wits (31913705)
1.55 A Country Practice (69568076)
2.20 Blue Healers (7705434)
3.15-3.30 Breakwaters (7568637)
5.10 Shortland Street (9423163)
6.25-7.00 Central News (933415)
10.40 Film: The Amityville Horror (73330415)
12.45am Hotel Babylon (5482274)
1.25 The Good Sex Guide... Late (2189564)
2.25 Cue the Music (7387903)
3.20 Dear Nick (6647125)
4.15 Jobfinder (6521564)
5.20 Aslan Eye (3757564)
MERIDIAN
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12.55pm Coronation Street (4240502)
1.25 Home and Away (31913705)
1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (69698076)
2.20 Murder, She Wrote (7705434)
3.15-3.20 Three Minutes - Freescreen (7586037)
5.10 Home and Away (9423163)
5.37 Three Minutes - Your Story (177990)
6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (78144)
10.30 Meridian News and Weather (789509)
10.45 The New Statesman (693786)
11.15 The LADS (629927)
11.45 Hurler (872182)
5.00am Freescreen (39903)
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6.35 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (8803027) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (65417) 9.00 The Golden Girls (43960) 9.30 Yagellorn: Eureka! (5355434) 9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (5350989) 10.00 Fourways Farm (6790057) 10.10 The Mix (2868637) 10.25 The Technology (2374892) 10.40 Off Limits (6415705) 11.05 The Score (9016057) 11.20 Stage One (902250) 11.35 Schools at Work (5762927) 11.40 Living Proof (7579182) 12.00 Sesame Street (70502) 1.00pm Slot Meltrinn (37785) 1.30 Film: The Belle of New York (54182) 3.00 Film: The Bad Lord Byron (77778) 4.30 An Inspector Calls (328) 5.00 Rumpelstiltskin (8589) 5.30 Fifteen to One (809) 6.00 Newyddion (838659) 6.15 Heno (674250) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (750637) 7.25 Antur i'r Antarcig (830322) 8.00 Cwib Garddio (5453) 8.30 Newyddion (4980) 9.00 Home to Roost (5298) 9.30 Life After Birth (71231) 10.00 Brookside (6453) (551927) 11.10 Basadass TV (197328) 11.40 T.F.I. Friday (101589) 12.45am Film: (2148458) 1.20 Film: The Man Who Lived Twice (1857545) 2.35 Best Specials (5751274)

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12.00 Garden Party (r) (Teletext) (s) (63724)
12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (75250) 1.30 Alfred J. Kwak (r) (9212568)
1.55 Those British Faces. Dame Anna Neagle (Teletext) (3828660)
2.25 FILM: Derby Day (1952, b/w) with Anna Neagle, Michael Wilding and Google Wilkins. A comedy drama following eight people at Epsom on Derby Day. Directed by Herbert Wilcox. (848296)
4.00 Secrets of the Moor (Teletext) (144) 4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (328) 5.00 Rescue (r) (Teletext) (s) (6568) 5.30 An Inspector Calls (r) (Teletext) (s) (908)
6.00 T.F.I. Friday. The guests include Julia Caring, Jack Dee and Pete Townsend (s) (76786)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (152873)
7.55 Book Choice. Malcolm McDowell reviews David Sherwin's Genghis Mad in Hollywood (Teletext) (s) (892778)
8.00 Garden Party. A visit to Cotton Manor Garden in Northampton (Teletext) (s) (5453)
8.30 Brookside. The tace is on between Bev and DD to accompany Ron to Bangkok (Teletext) (s) (4960)
9.00 Cybill. Cybill is delighted that she is going to be on her own for Thanksgiving (Teletext) (s) (15298)
9.30 CHOICE: Life After Birth (Teletext) (s) (71231)
10.00 Roseanne. Roseanne's opinions make her a big (Teletext) (s) (64531)
10.30 Rory Brammer - Who Else? Last in the current series (s) (551927)

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Mark Winget as DC Carver (8.00pm)

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India's Texaco Trophy challenge fades after dazzling opening partnership

Lewis returns with four-wicket burst

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (England won toss): India, with five wickets standing, need 196 runs from 32.5 overs to beat England

THE rehabilitation of England's cricket fortunes may be a protracted business, but the patient made an encouraging start on the road to recovery yesterday. India had been subdued, if not quite conquered, when the forecast rain arrived on schedule at the Oval. The frustration of having to complete the first Texaco Trophy game in a near-empty ground today will seem a small price to pay for an England team that needs nothing more urgently than a reacquaintance with victory.

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attack that brought 52 runs from a wayward first five overs.

However, the character and versatility that the selectors sought, the specific suitability for one-day cricket that they identified, was endorsed at each wrong turning. England's cricket was more vibrant, and better directed, than at any stage of the World Cup and, when the rain came, it was India who retreated gratefully.

At the time, they were sinking fast. From 54 without loss in the sixth over, they had subsided to 68 for five in the twelfth. Most of the damage was inflicted by Chris Lewis, who took four wickets for six in 21 balls, displaying confirmation of his enviable yet elusive talent and gratitude to the selectors who gave him one more chance to fulfil it.

The selectors, indeed, could congratulate themselves on choices and tactics that were largely successful. Even Raymond Illingworth, the chairman, emerged smiling after two days of lying low and was superficially untroubled by the storm of disapproval gath-

ering against his forthcoming book. Lancashire entered the debate yesterday, voicing disapproval to the Test and County Cricket Board over its nature and timing. Illingworth is also threatened by legal action from Ian Botham, over some unflattering remarks made in a newspaper interview.

It is developing into open season for those who disapprove of Illingworth's style and would prefer him removed from office. To date, the chairman is rising genially above it.

He says that he has been happy to leave the final preparations for this tournament to David Lloyd, the new coach, and Michael Atherton, the captain. It was their decision to include an extra bowler at the expense of Matthew Maynard that meant that there were three international newcomers, all specialist one-day players.

Alistair Brown, the first of them, made a mixed impression. Dropped at slip, by Rathore off the luckless Srinath, from the second ball that he received, Brown had the limitations of his defensive technique thoroughly exposed, but he was not picked to defend and, amid some embarrassing moments, he also struck the ball in uncompromising fashion.

Orle bookmaker offered a spread of 80-85 on the 15-over score, but England, in the event, did not come close. They lost Atherton, to a beauty from Prasad, and Smith, to Mhamrey's fifth ball in international cricket. When the field was spread, they had reached only 64.

Brown fell to a loose drive soon after, prefacing what might now be thought the interlude of "proper batting" that occupies the middle overs of a one-day innings. Hick and Thorpe added 56 in ten overs before Thorpe, nibbling inopportunely at Jadeja, edged to Mongia.

Stewart, betrayed by the nervousness of a man under pressure for his place, set off for a single as he pushed to the left of Jadeja, the bowler, and found that he had underestimated his agility and accuracy. So it fell to the all-rounders, two of them new and one recalled, to accompany Hick through the closing overs.

Irani made only 11, but was



Atherton moves in to congratulate Lewis who is already signalling his delight at knocking back the departing Sidhu's off stump. Photograph: Marc Aspland

a shade unlucky to be caught on the long-leg boundary. Ealham hit Tendulkar for two consecutive sixes on his way to 40 from 34 balls and Lewis dominated the last four overs as Hick, driving expansively and unselfishly, was out nine short of a deserved century.

The last ten overs of the England innings had yielded 92 runs, but Tendulkar and Rathore threatened to eclipse that, unerringly punishing the leg-stump line of the new-ball bowlers. It was heady cricket, but Lewis stalled it effectively once Rathore had hit over-

length ball. The promotion of Kumble was baffling and brief and Martin's successful leg-before shout against Tendulkar was vital, if contentious.

Sidhu and Manjrekar played loose strokes when the time for composure had arrived. Although Azharuddin and Jadeja survived a 20-minute resumption in grim light India's main hope now is that the weather restricts further play today. The match is official once 25 overs of the second innings have been bowled. If India have scored 146 by then, they can still win.

SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

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Barmby's England renaissance exposes the cracks in China

China 0
England 3
FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN PEKING

THIS was how it used to be. England travel to far-flung corners of the earth to administer a sharp lesson to willing pupils. Nobody, for once, could begrudge the officials of the Football Association their smiles nor the mixture of joy and relief on the face of Terry Venables, the England coach, whose side showed admirable composure in an atmosphere of noise and passion long forgotten in the echoing mausoleum of Wembley.

For once, England found themselves in a game that really mattered in front of a crowd that really cared, and the spirit of a soft, Oriental night will travel happily with them through the tougher tests to come. Two goals by Nick Barmby and a third by the irrepressible Paul Gascoigne were apt reward for England's professionalism. Any more would have been an injustice to China, who had enough to cope with in the violent emotional swings of the 65,000 crowd in the Workers' Stadium here.

Greeted with an ear-splitting moan of plastic trumpets on walking out, China were booed with equal ferocity at the end as allegiance was seamlessly transferred to the shoulders of the conquerors midway through the second half.

The lasting image of an historic occasion will not be of Gascoigne, brandishing his deserved trophy as the England man of the match and being cheered as if he was the

President, nor of the Neville brothers acknowledging their achievement with the sort of polite handshake you might reserve for the mother-in-law, but of the talented young Hao Haiding walking away alone with his side's man-of-the-match trophy to be greeted with a shower of confetti by his own people - the comeliest of surrender. He did not deserve such ignominy. "The Chinese team are stupid," was the final insulting chant.

The England players will have gone wrong for them on a substandard pitch against opposition with glory in their eyes and fire in their bellies, but the manner in which an inexperienced side destroyed hopes and built authority before adding a flourish to the final construction was a tribute to the depth of character in Venables's squad.

"We went back on our heels for about ten minutes before half-time, and they began to show what they could do," Venables said. "Before that, we had got at them and not let them turn."

Much of the credit should be given to Tony Adams, the captain, who came through his first competitive match in four months with barely a sign of rust. Flanked by the Nevilles, Adams enjoined his side forward, harrying China into elementary errors.

Alongside Adams in the plus column - and, almost certainly, on the list of the final 22 for the European championship finals - can be written the name of Barmby. Venables was waiting for a performance similar to his

outstanding debut against Colombia last autumn and, in the humid air of Peking, he was rewarded for his patience by a bubbly, intelligent, exhibition of forward running crowned by two goals, each timed to perfection.

The first came just before the half-hour when a right-foot shot crashed against the post and fell invitingly back for completion; the second, seven minutes after half-time. Again Anderson was the instigator, with a swift long pass to Gascoigne, who released Barmby on the left side of the penalty area. The delicate chip over the goalkeeper must have lifted Barmby's spirits as much as it depressed the crowd's and, when Gascoigne clipped home the third, 12 minutes later, the influence of Tottenham Hotspur past and present was complete.

As the match was over, the substitutions began, the most forlorn departure made by Alan Shearer, just back from a hernia operation, well-marked by Fan Zhiyi (a centre forward himself) but still worryingly off-colour in an England shirt. Fowler looked more dangerous in 15 minutes than Shearer did in 75, but even that could not tarnish a good night's work. When these two next play each other, the gap will be narrower. For the moment, the Chinese takeaway has been postponed. This was a spring roll for England.

CHINA (1-3-2): Ou Chufeng - Xu Hong - Wei Qun, Fan Zhiyi, Li Hongyan - Jie Yuan (sub: Li Meng, 45min), Li Bing (sub: Peng Weiqun, 45), Jiang Feng (sub: Gao Zhongjun, 33), Ma Mingyi - Gao Feng, Fan Haidong.

ENGLAND (3-1-4-1): T. Flowers (sub: J. Walker, 64) - G. Neville, A. Adams (sub: U. Ekeke, 76), P. Neville - G. Southgate - S. McKinnon (sub: S. Stone, 80), P. Gascoigne, J. Radcliffe, D. Anderson - N. Barmby (sub: P. Boardley, 72) - A. Shearer (sub: R. Foster, 72)

Referer: P. Collins (Italy)



Gascoigne glides past China's last line of defence to complete the scoring for England in Peking yesterday

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